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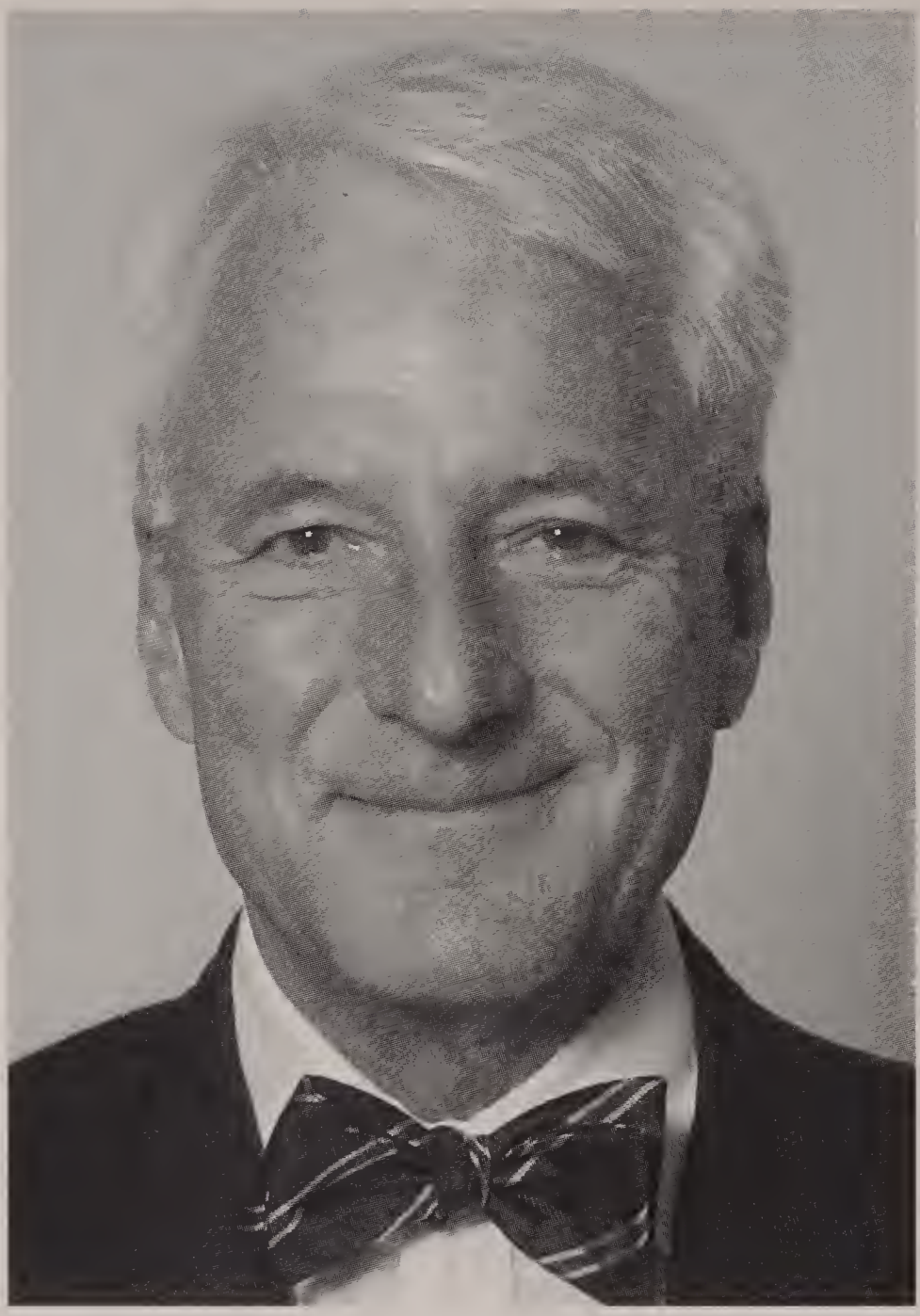

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## GOVERNOR BRIAN SCHWEITZER

Gov. Brian Schweitzer, Democrat, was born in Havre Sept. 4, 1955, the son of Kay and Adam Schweitzer, and grew up on his parents' ranch in the Judith Basin near Geyser. He is the grandson of Irish and Ukranian immigrants to Montana who homesteaded in Hill County. He has a bachelor of science degree in agronomy at Colorado State University and a master of science in soil science from Montana State University. He is married to Nancy Hupp who is from Billings and has a bachelor's degree in botany from Montana State University, Bozeman. After graduating from MSU, they began a career of irrigation development in abroad. During seven years in Saudi Arabia, he developed more than 28,000 acres of irrigated cropland. Returning to Montana in 1986, the couple has owned and operated farms in Flathead, Sanders, Rosebud, and Judith Basin counties. In 1993, he was named to the Montana USDA Farm Service Agency Committee. He resigned in 1999 to run for the U.S. Senate. The governor received an award in 1995 from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for outreach efforts to Native Americans and, in 1996, was appointed to the Montana Rural Development Partnership Board. Gov. Schweitzer was named in 1999 to the National Drought Task Force, a 16-member national board to review policy and report to Congress an improved coordination response to drought emergencies nationwide. The governor and his wife have three children, sons Ben and Khai and daughter Katrina.

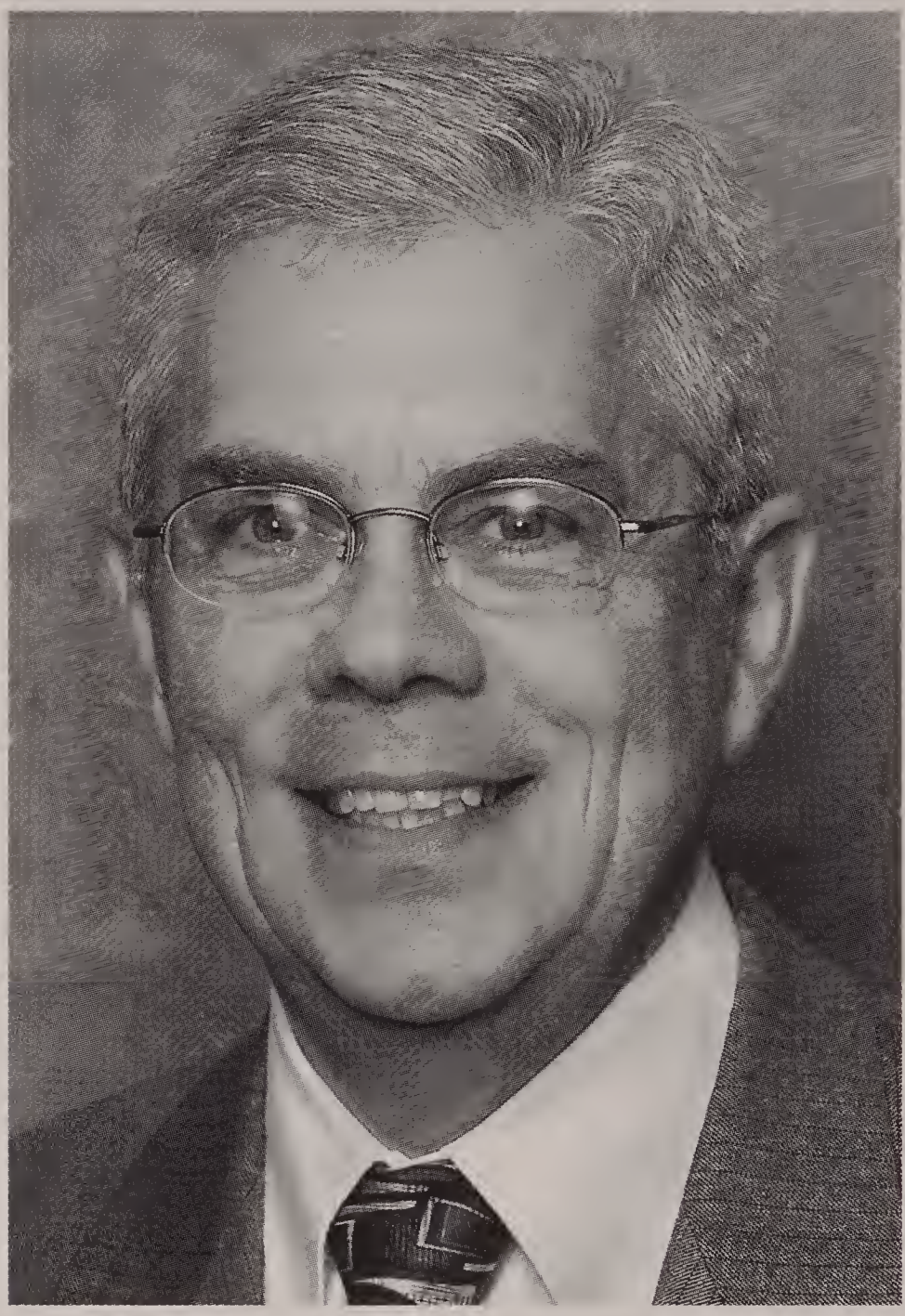


## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN C. BOHLINGER

Lt. Gov. John C. Bohlinger, a third generation Montanan, was born in Bozeman April 21, 1936 to parents John and Aileen Bohlinger. In 1941, John, his sister Tina, and their parents moved to Billings where his parents opened a women's apparel store called Aileen's. Lt. Gov. Bohlinger attended Billings Senior High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve during his senior year. After graduation, he attended the University of Montana, then was called to active duty between his sophomore and junior year. He completed his service in the Marines with an honorable discharge and returned to the University of Montana where he earned a degree in business. After graduation, he returned to Billings and went to work in the family business. The lieutenant governor is a former Montana legislator, serving in the House of Representatives from 1993 until 1998 and in the Senate from 1999 to 2004. During his career as a small businessman, he worked for many community organizations in the Billings area. He was a member of the board of directors of the Billings Chamber of Commerce, First Interstate Bank West, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the Billings Studio Theater. John served as chairman of the board of directors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and is a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Council. He also has served as president of the board of directors of the Yellowstone Art Museum and president of the Billings Symphony. He and his late wife Bette are the parents of six grown children--Jeanne, Jan, Mark, JoLynn, Nicholas and John Jr.; fourteen grandchildren, and one great grandson.

# The Senate

# *Sixtieth Assembly*



**MIKE COONEY**
**President of the Senate**

Helena, District 40, Democrat. Senate President Mike Cooney was born Sept. 3, 1954 in Washington D.C. He came to Montana as a newborn and settled with his family in Butte. Sen. Cooney graduated from Butte High School and received a B.A. in political science from the University of Montana. An avid Griz fan, he is currently employed by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry and is the former executive director of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies: The Montana Coalition. Senator Cooney was elected and served as Montana's Secretary of State from 1989-2000. In 1996, he was elected President of the National Association of Secretaries of State. In 2002, Mike was chosen as an Olympic Torchbearer for the Salt Lake Olympic Torch Relay. Sen. Cooney served in the House of Representatives from 1997-80. He has been a member of the Montana Senate since 2003 and served as the Senate Finance Committee Chairman in 2005. Senator Cooney is the grandson of former Montana Governor Frank H. Cooney. He and his wife Dee Ann have a daughter, Adan, and two sons, Ryan and Colin.

**Carol Griffith Williams** - Missoula, District 46, Democrat. Born Feb. 3, 1943 in Butte; Butte High graduate; attended Montana Tech, B.S. in education with majors in English and history, University of Montana Western; Montana co-chair Every Child By Two; UM Montanan advi-sory board, Montana Council on Developmentally Disabled board; served in House 1999-2000, in Senate since 2005, majority leader, 2007-08; husband Pat served in Montana Legislature and U.S. House of Representatives; they have three children and three grandchildren.



*Carol Williams, Majority Leader*



*Corey Stapleton, Minority Leader*

**Corey Stapleton** - Billings, District 27, Republican. Born Sept. 17, 1967 in Seattle and came to Montana in 1969; Great Falls High School graduate; B.S., U.S. Naval Academy; M.A., Temple University; manager financial services; Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and American Legion member; U.S. Navy officer, 11 years; served in Senate since 2001, majority whip 2001-02 special sessions and 2003-04, minority whip 2005-06, minority leader, 2007-08; wife's name is Terry, they have four children.

**Dan. W. Harrington** - Butte, District 38, Democrat. Born Feb. 12, 1938 in Butte; attended Montana Tech; graduate, Western Montana College; teacher; Silver Bow County Democratic chairman, 1980-1990; Montana Constitutional Convention delegate, 1971-72; Dean of the Legislature; served in House 1977-2000, in Senate since 2001; House majority whip, 1983-84; House minority whip, 1995-96 and 1999-2000, Senate President Pro Tempore, 2005-06, 2007-08; wife's name is Pat, they have two sons and a daughter.

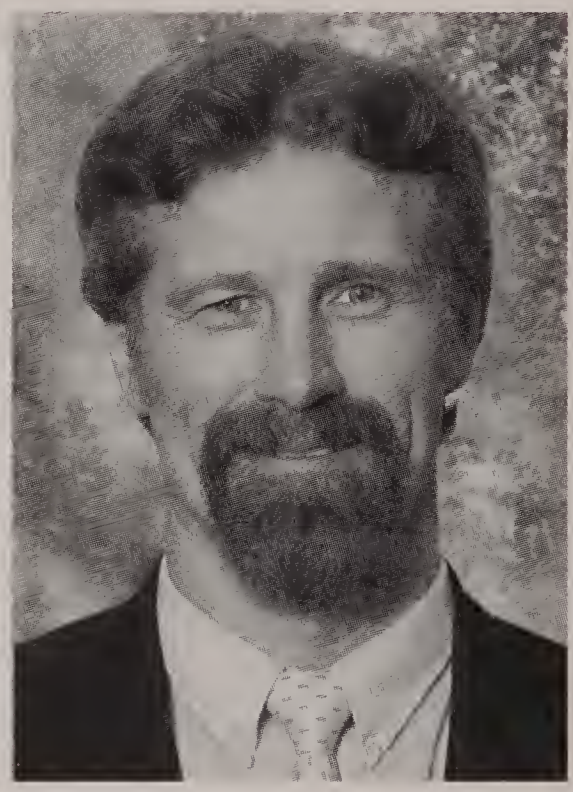


*Dan Harrington,*
*President Pro Tempore*



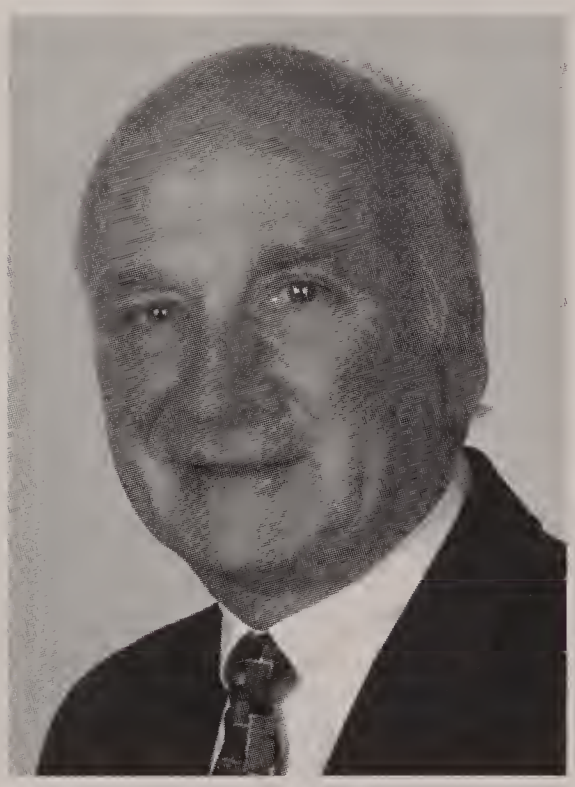
*Keith Bales*

**Keith Bales -** Otter, District 20, Republican. Born March 15, 1944 in Sheridan, Wyoming, and came home to the ranch at Otter as an infant; Sheridan, Wyoming, High School graduate; B.S., agricultural production-animal science, Montana State University-Bozeman; School Board trustee; Montana Stockgrowers Assn. president, 1998-2000; Tongue River Electric Coop board of directors; Commissioned Officer U.S. Army; U.S. Army Vietnam veteran; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Christl, they have two sons, Brian and Michael, and a grandson Chase.



*Joe Balyeat*

**Joe Balyeat** - Bozeman, District 34, Republican. Born Oct. 26, 1956 in Great Falls; Great Falls High graduate; B.S. in business administration-accounting, University of Montana; National Merit Scholar; certified public accountant; Montanans for Better Government chair; Montana Republican Liberty Caucus president; Montana Shooting Sports Association board of directors; radio talk show host; served in House 2001-04; in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Linda Lee, they have three children, Dan, Matt and Jamie.



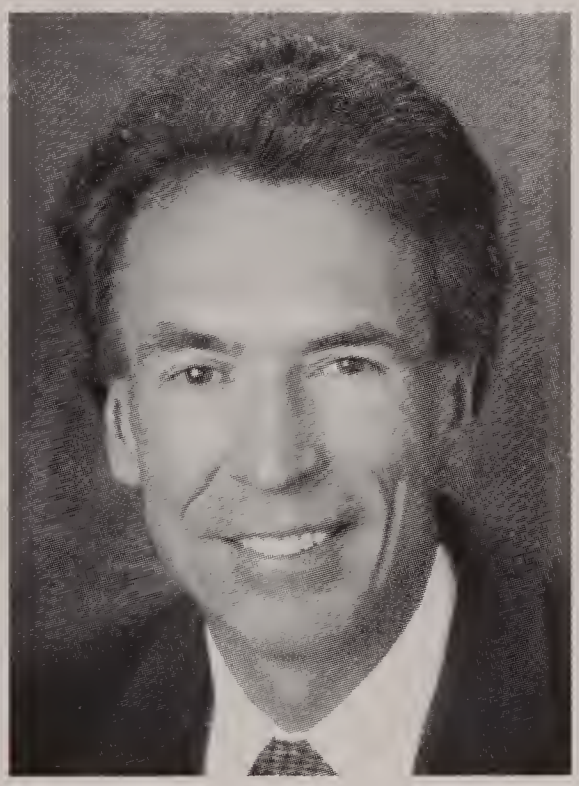
*Greg Barkus, Minority Whip*

**Greg Barkus** - Kalispell, District 4, Republican. Born Nov. 29, 1946 in Jamestown, ND, and came to Montana in 1947. Havre High graduate, B.S. finance, University of Montana; attended Colorado School of Banking and Wharton School of Finance; has served on Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission and Montana Redistricting Commission; Kalispell Daybreak Rotary charter president; Kalispell Regional Hospital Community Benefits Council; former Republican State Committeeman; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Kathy, they have three children, Angie, Ken and Jill, and nine grandchildren.

**Jerry Black** - Shelby, District 14, Republican. Born Aug. 30, 1935 in Lewistown, Shelby High graduate, attended MSU two years; retired, former owner and general manager of KSEN-KZIN radio, Shelby, two Idaho radio stations, Triangle Travel Agency, other businesses; Montana Broadcasters Assn. (MBA) past president, 2004 MBA Hall of Fame, Greater Montana Foundation treasurer, Toole County Education Foundation director, 2004 NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award; numerous civic activities; served in Senate since 2003, wife's name is Billiette, they have six children, ten grandchildren, one great grandson.



*Jerry Black*



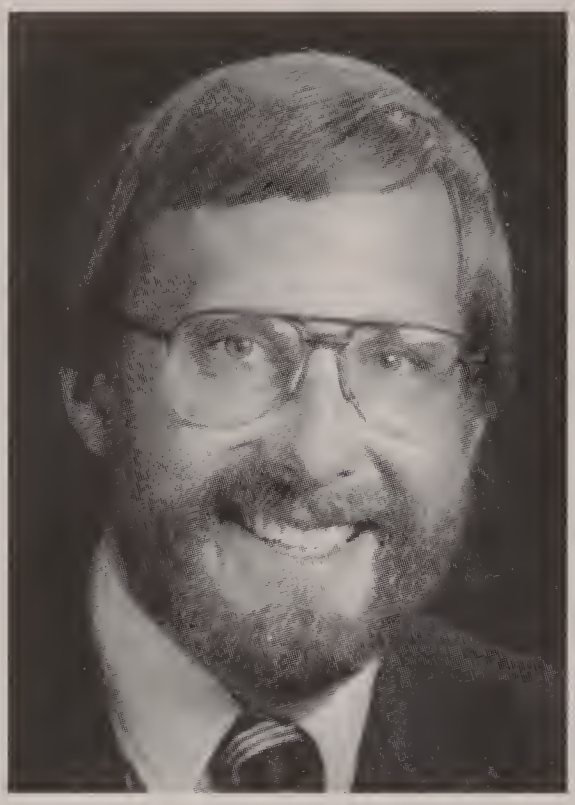
*Roy Brown*

**Roy Brown** - Billings, District 25, Republican. Born Feb. 16, 1951 in Casper, Wyoming, and moved to Billings in 1955; Billings Central High School graduate; B.S. in engineering, Montana Tech, Butte; small businessman; MSU-Billings College of Business Advisory Board; served in House 1999-2006, majority whip, 2001-02, majority leader 2003-04, House Republican leader, 2005-06; served in Senate 2007; wife's name is Kim, they have three children, Katie, Gillian and Roy Jr.

**John Brueggeman** - Polson, District 6, Republican. Born April 2, 1979 in Polson; Polson High School graduate; attending University of Montana; employed in residential construction; Knights of Columbus; served in House 2001-04, House majority whip, 2003-04; served in Senate since 2005, single.



*John Brueggeman*



*John Cobb*

**John Cobb** - Augusta, District 9, Republican. Born Jan. 22, 1954 in Montana; attended Shahuck High School; B.A., economics, B.A., public administration, Montana State University; law degree, University of Montana; attorney-rancher; served in House 1985-2000 and in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Cheryl, they have two children.

**Vicki Cocchiarella** - Missoula, District 47, Democrat. Born Dec. 19, 1949 in Livingston; Missoula Hellgate High graduate; B.A., M.A. in interpersonal communication, University of Montana; workers compensation claims examiner, self-employed business consultant; served in House 1989-98, House minority leader, 1997-98; served in Senate since 1999; she has a daughter , Cara, and a son, Mike.



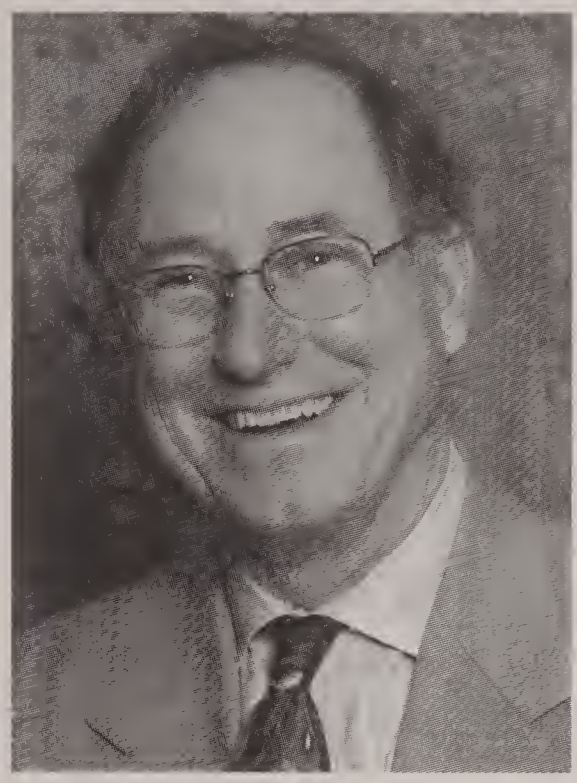
*Vicki Cocchiarella*



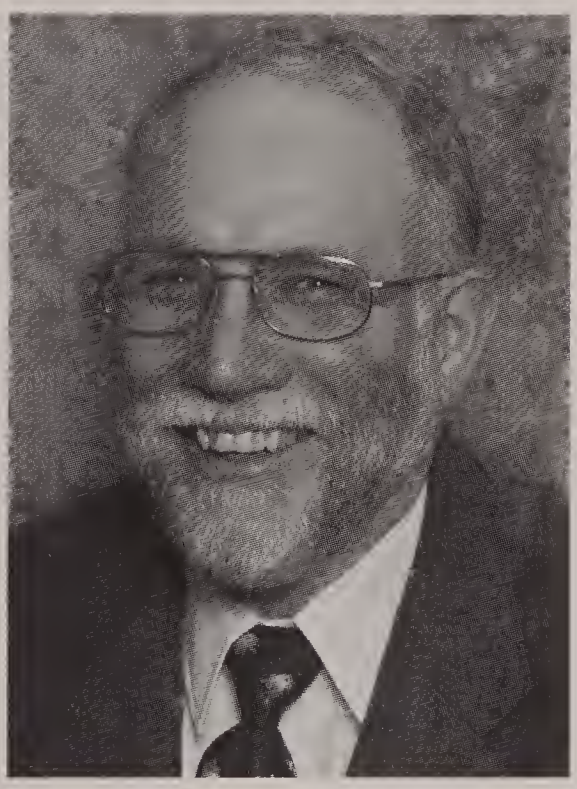
*Aubyn Curtiss*

**Aubyn Curtiss** - Fortine, District 1, Republican. Born July 1, 1925 in Park City; Lincoln County High School graduate, attended UCLA; tree buyer-broker; Lincoln County GOP chairman; Montana GOP past chairman; Montana's commissioner on White House Presidential Scholar's Commission; Lincoln County Planning Board past chairman; served in House 1977-1984 and 1995-2002, in Senate since 2003; late husband's name is David, she has three children, Sue, Marc and Gareth, and five grandchildren.

**Jim Elliott** - Trout Creek, District 7, Democrat. Born Dec. 26, 1942 in Pennsylvania and came to Montana in 1974; B.A., behavioral psychology, San Francisco State College; ranch owner-timber producer; served in House 1989-96, in Senate since 2001.



*Jim Elliott*



*John Esp*

**John Esp** - Big Timber, District 31, Republican. Born March 11, 1952 in Bozeman; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; attended Montana State University-Bozeman; carpenter-cabinet maker; Sweet Grass County High School board of trustees; Crazy Mountain Museum Board, Pioneer Medical Center Board, Sweet Grass County-Big Timber Planning Board; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Stoney, they have a daughter Amy, a son Leo and a niece Ester.

**Jeffrey V. Essmann** - Billings, District 28, Republican. Born June 29, 1952 in Billings; Billings West graduate; B.S. in industrial engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology; J.D., University of Montana Law School; business owner and property developer; has practiced law in Billings and Butte; Yellowstone County Planning Board, 1998-2001; Yellowstone County Republican Central Committee chair, 1995-99; Republican National Convention delegate, 1996; NFIB member; appointed to Senate in 2004, served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Sherry.



*Jeffrey V. Essmann*



*Steve Gallus*

**Steve Gallus** - Butte, District 37, Democrat. Born April 8, 1972 in Butte; Butte High School graduate; attended Carroll College, B.A. in history from the University of Portland; program manager, Aware Inc., Phi Alpha Theta History Scholar, Program for Senior Executives in State Government Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Jennifer Hensley.

**Kelly Gebhardt** - Roundup, District 23, Republican. Born April 5, 1953 in Wolf Point, Roundup High graduate, associate degree, diesel technology, MSU-Northern; sawmill owner; Musselshell County Commissioner, 1990-2002; Roundup Volunteer Fire Dept., 1978-present; served on many advisory and executive boards; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Darlene, they have two sons, Brian and Derin, and a daughter, Donna.



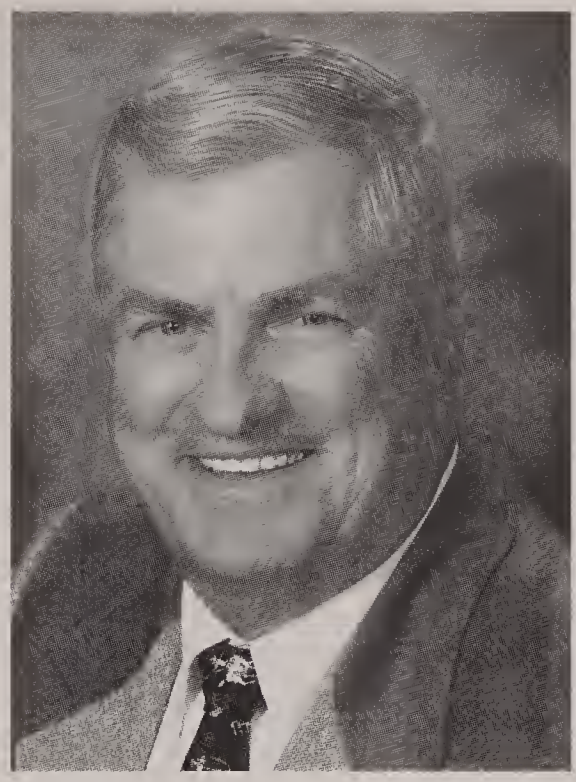
*Kelly Gebhardt*



*Kim Gillan*

**Kim Gillan** - Billings, District 24, Democrat. Born December 10, 1951 in El Cerrito, Calif., and came to Montana in 1992; Presentation High graduate; B.A., UCLA; masters, regional planning, Cornell University; graduate work, George Washington University; MSU-Billings Workforce Development Coordinator; Skyview Boosters Club president, PLUK Board; Heights Task Force, former Billings Parks and Recreation board member; served in House 1997-2004, minority leader 2001-02; served in Senate since 2005; she has a son, Hank, and a daughter, Claire.

**Ken "Kim" Hansen** - Harlem, District 17, Democrat. Born Oct. 15, 1951 in Havre; Harlem High graduate, attended MSU-Northern and MSU-Bozeman; graduate, Western College of Auctioneering; farmer-rancher; former school board trustee; served on Gov. Ted Schwinden's Economic Council Development Board for Agriculture; North Central Montana Stockgrowers; Milk River Coop; Shriners; Sweet Medical Health Board; served in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Renee, they have five children: John, Brad, Larry, Laurie and Jessie.



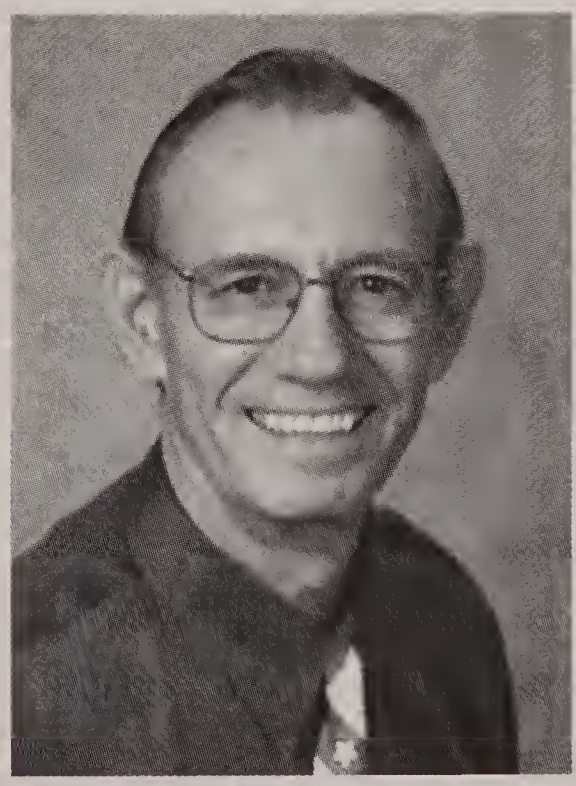
*Ken "Kim" Hansen*



*Robert L. "Bob" Hawks*

**Robert L. "Bob" Hawks** - Bozeman, District 33, Democrat. Born April 24, 1941 in Billings; Hardin High graduate; B.S., natural science, O.D., Pacific University; optometrist; Bozeman City-County Planning Board; City Commission, Mayor; Headwaters Entrepreneur Resources Inc. Board; Certified Cities Economic Strategy Task Force; Church Council, Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; Gallatin Development Corporation and Gallatin Valley Land Trust; National Trust for Historic Preservation Advisory Board; U.S. Air Force officer, eight years; served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Jane; they have five children and eleven grandchildren.

**Verdell Jackson** - Kalispell, District 5, Republican. Born April 1, 1941 in Cortez, Colorado, and came to Montana in 1991; graduated from high school in Colorado; bachelor of science in business, University of Colorado; MA. in business education, Arizona State; Educational Specialist degree in vocational education, Auburn University; semi-retired rancher; retired high school and college teacher; Juneau, Alaska, chair of energy advisory committee, 13 years; served in House 1999-2006, in Senate 2007; wife's name is Linda, they have a daughter, April.



*Verdell Jackson*



*Larry Jent*

**Larry Jent** - Bozeman, District 32, Democrat. Born Dec. 20, 1951 in Nashville, Tenn., and came to Montana in 1978; Hillwood High School, Nashville, graduate; B.S., U.S. Military Academy-West Point; J.D., University of Colorado Law School; lawyer; bow hunter education instructor; athlete's rep, U.S. Biathalon Team; Democratic National Convention delegate, 1996 and 2000; Montana Democratic Party executive board, 1997-present; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 2001-06; in Senate 2007; single.



*Carol Juneau*

**Carol Juneau** - Browning, District 08, Democrat. Born May 5, 1945 in Elbowoods, ND, and came to Montana in 1969; Santa Clara (CA) High School graduate; Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas; B.A., psychology-sociology, Eastern Montana College; M.E., school administration, University of Montana; retired educator; Mandan/Hidatsa Tribal member; Montana Indian Education Assn. chair; former Montana Democratic Party vice chair; served in House 1999-2006; minority caucus leader, 2003-04; in Senate 2007; husband's name is Stan, they have three children, Denise, Ron and Ev, and three grandchildren.



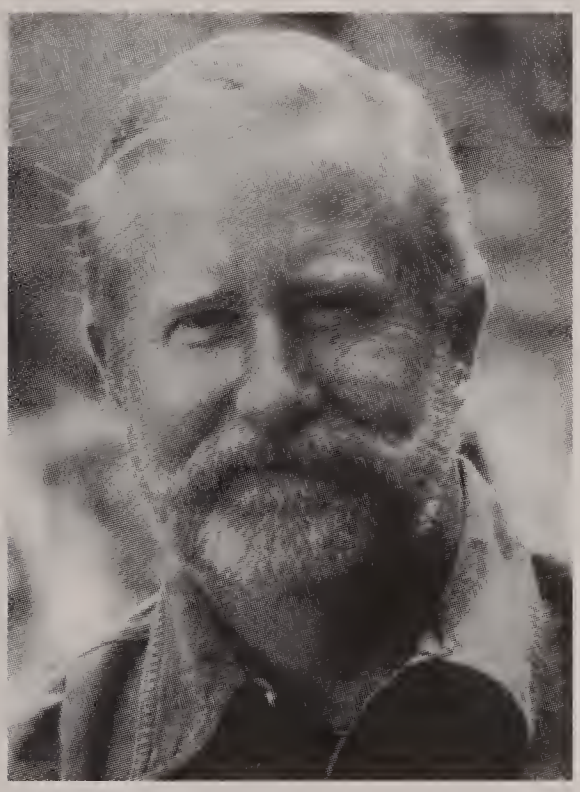
*Christine Kaufmann*

**Christine Kaufmann** - Helena, District 41, Democrat. Born Dec. 25, 1951 in Princeton, Ill. and came to Montana in 1984; Tiskilwa, Ill., High School graduate; B.A. in biology, Goshen College, Indiana; M.A. in environmental studies, University of Montana; Montana Human Rights Network co-director; board member of numerous non-profit social change, civil rights and environmental protection organizations; served in House 2001-06, reelected to House and appointed to Senate in 2006, served in Senate 2007; partner's name is Pat Kemp, they have 32 nieces and nephews.

**Sam L. Kitzenberg** - Glasgow, District 18, Democrat. Born July 25, 1947 in Williston, N.D.; came home to Plentywood as an infant; Plentywood High School graduate; B.A. in education, University of Montana; Montana Department of Revenue employee, retired high school English teacher; former Boys State governor and Boys Nation senator, page in Montana House, 1963; served in House 1995-2000, in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Ronnie, they have two sons and two daughters.



*Sam Kitzenberg*



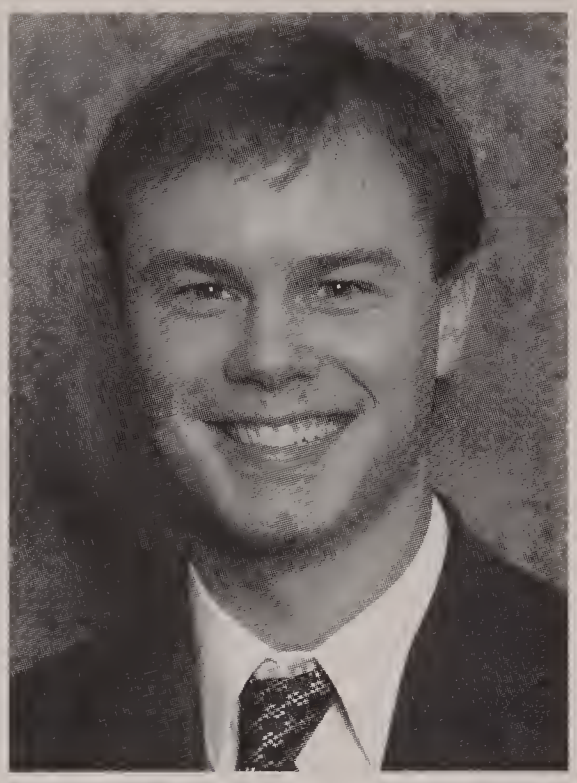
*Rick Laible*

**Rick Laible** - Darby, District 44, Republican. Born Oct. 2, 1945 in Berkeley, Calif., and moved to Montana in 1994; San Leandro, Calif., High graduate; attended California State, Hayward; semi-retired contractor-manufacturer; Ionic #38 Masonic Lodge; Hamilton Chamber of Commerce; served in House 2001-02, in Senate since 2003, Finance, Local Government and Natural Resource committees; he and his wife Frankie have three daughters, two sons and four grandchildren.

**Lane L. Larson** - Billings, District 22, Democrat. Born May 21, 1957 in Seattle, Washington, and moved to Helena three weeks later; Forsyth High graduate; attended University of Montana; MJATC Electrical Apprenticeship; journeyman electrician; IBEW 322 Executive Board chair; Wyoming State Electrical Board; Sweetwater Jail Task Force; Green River United Methodist Church Building Committee; Little League baseball coach; Greater Yellowstone Central Labor Council president; served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Lynn, they have two children, Lee and Luke.



*Lane L. Larson, Majority Whip*



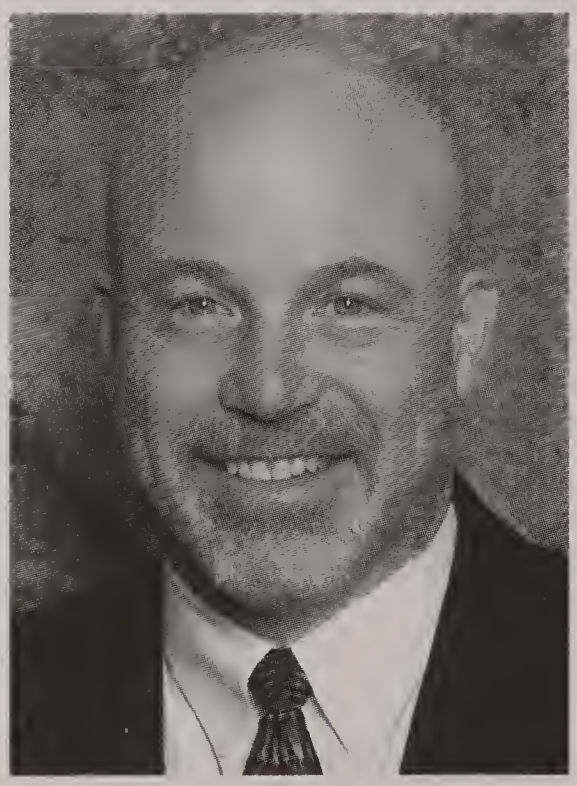
*Jesse Laslovich*

**Jesse Laslovich** - Anaconda, District 43, Democrat. Born Oct. 3, 1980 in Anaconda; Anaconda High School graduate; B.A. in political science with high honors, University of Montana; J.D. University of Montana; attorney; served in House 2001-2004, in Senate since 2005; parents are Tony and Kathy, he has four siblings; fiancee's name is Jill.



*Dave Lewis*

**Dave Lewis -** Helena, District 42, Republican. Born Oct. 10, 1942 in Rapid City, S.D. and came to Montana in 1968; B.S. in finance, University of Idaho; retired state budget director; past member of several local boards and 20-year member of Rotary, served in House 2001-04, appointed to the Senate in 2004 and has served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Karen; they have three children, Michele Fairclough, Charlene Lewis and Jim Lewis, and eight grandchildren.



*Greg Lind*

**Greg Lind** - Missoula, District 50, Democrat. Born March 23, 1957 in Lawton, Kansas and moved to Montana in 1997; Iowa City West High graduate; B.S. zoology, Iowa State; M.D., University of Iowa; physician; Montana Medical Association trustee; served in Senate since 2005.

**Daniel W. McGee** - Laurel, District 29, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1947 in Shreveport, Louisiana, and came to Montana in 1974. Natrona County High, Casper, Wyoming, graduate; B.S., geology, Louisiana State University, graduate work, University of Montana; professional land surveyor and geologist; U.S. Air Force retired first lieutenant; served in House 1995-2002, Speaker of the House 2001-02, served in Senate since 2003, minority whip 2007-08; wife's name is LaRae, they have three daughters.



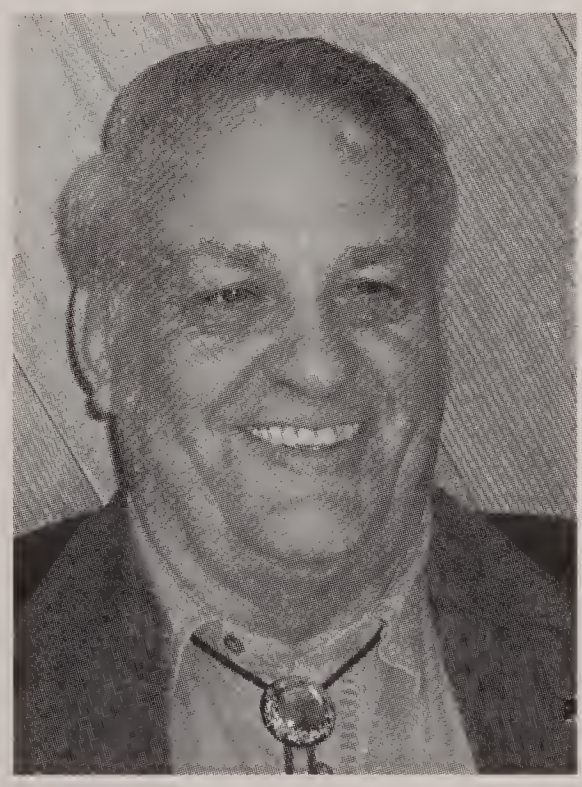
*Dan McGee, Minority Whip*



*Lynda Moss, Majority Whip*

**Lynda Bourque Moss** - Billings, District 26, Democrat. Born March 15, 1950 in Torrington, Wyoming and moved to Montana in 1979; Hazelwood High, St. Louis, Missouri, graduate; bachelor of fine arts, University of Nebraska-Omaha; M. A., University of Northern Iowa; M.F.A., Montana State University; executive director; Billings Housing Authority board member; Yellowstone Center for Applied Economic Research; MSU-B Steering Committee; Montana Community Foundation Board; Holter Museum Board; served in Senate since 2005, majority whip 2007-08; children are Heather and Cris; she has three grandchildren.

**Terry Murphy** - Cardwell, District 39, Republican. Born Dec. 5, 1942 in Butte; Willow Creek High School graduate; farmer; has served on Whitehall School Board of Trustees, Jefferson County Planning Board and on National Commission on Agriculture and Rural Development Policy; served in House 1971-72, in Senate 1975-78 and in 2007; single.



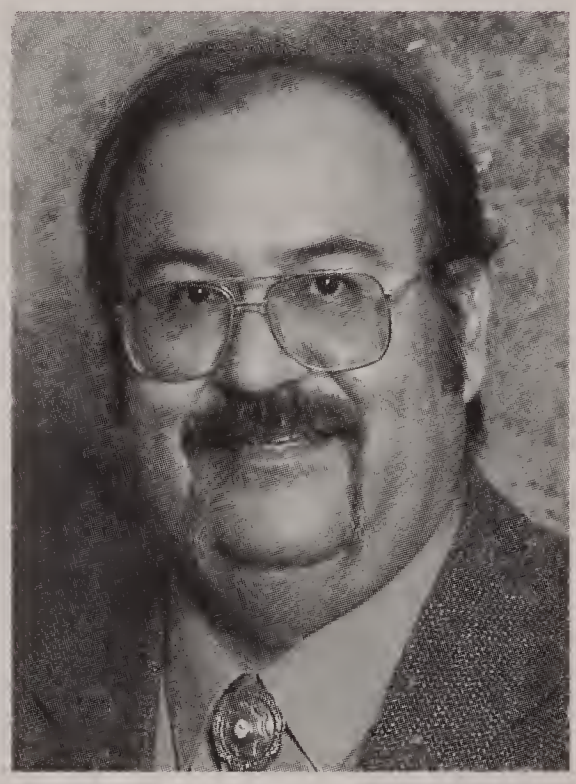
*Terry Murphy*



*Jerry O'Neil*

**Jerry O'Neil** - Kalispell, District 3, Republican. Born May 10, 1943 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate; attended MSU-Bozeman and University of Montana, A.A. from Flathead Valley Community College; independent paralegal-mediator; licensed in Blackfeet Tribal Court; Montana Mediation Assn. charter member; served in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Jeanne; they have five children: David, Wendy, Laura, Sara and Maria, and seven grandchildren.

**Gerald Pease** - Lodge Grass, District 21, Democrat. Born July 21, 1954 in Hardin; Lodge Grass High School graduate; two-year certificate in heavy equipment maintenance, Missoula Vo Tech; highway construction-rancher; Lodge Grass School Board trustee, six years; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House 1997-98, in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Maria, they have four children, Kimberly, Timothy, Renelle, and Maggie.



*Gerald Pease*



*Gary L. Perry*

**Gary L. Perry** - Manhattan, District 35, Republican. Born Nov. 24, 1949 in Vincennes, Indiana, came to Montana in 1997. Bridgeport, Illinois, High graduate; B.S. in civil engineering, University of Illinois; business/engineer--President, Perry Industries, Inc.; Gallatin County Republican chair; Rotary, Chamber of Commerce; NFIB, NRA, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited; served in Senate since 2003; wife Lisa, son Travis.

**Jim Peterson -** Buffalo, District 15, Republican. Born July 19, 1946 in Havre; Judith Gap High graduate; B.S., animal science, Montana State University; masters in agriculture, Texas A&M; MBA, finance, West Texas State; ranching, farming, retail, Interim Associate Dean of MSU College of Agriculture (part-time); U.S. Meat Export Federation secretary-treasurer; United Methodist Church of Judith Gap; served in House 2003-06, in Senate 2007; wife's name is Lorraine, they have two children: Jennifer and Robert.



*Jim Peterson*



*Don Ryan*

**Don Ryan** - Great Falls, District 10, Democrat. Born Dec. 21, 1951 in Great Falls; C.M. Russell High School graduate; B.A. in education, University of Montana; day care owner; Cascade County Clerk & Recorder, 1993-94; Great Falls School Board trustee, 1995-2000; served in Senate since 2001; wife's name is Terri, they have five children: Bill, Annie, Sean, Carly and DeDe.

**Trudi Schmidt** - Great Falls, District 11, Democrat. Born Dec. 7, 1938 in Butte; Missoula County High graduate; B.S., M.S., University of Montana; former counselor, caseworker and trainer for Lutheran Social Services of Montana; active in community organizations, cofounder, board president of HANDS, a before and after school child care program in Great Falls elementary schools; AAUW, Faith Lutheran Church; served in House 1997-2002, in Senate since 2003, majority whip, 2005-06; husband's name is Del, they have a son Todd, a daughter Anne and one grandchild.



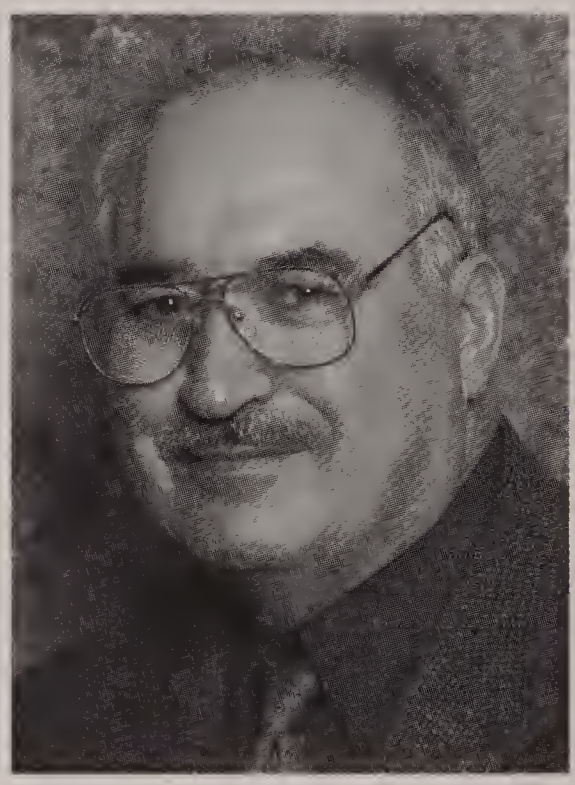
*Trudi Schmidt*



*Jim Shockley*

**Jim Shockley** - Victor, District 45, Republican. Born Sept. 12, 1944 in Luke Field, Arizona, first came to Montana in 1946; Jeb Stuart High (Falls Church, VA), graduate; B.A., J.D., University of Montana; attorney; emeritus member Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; Masonic Lodge, Lions, VFW, American Legion, First Marine Division Assn., Marine Corp League, Order of the Caribou, Concerned about Grizzlies, Bitterroot Protective Assn., NRA, Montana Shooting Sports, Trout Unlimited, retired Marine; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Marilee.

**Frank J. Smith -** Poplar, District 16, Democrat. Born Sept. 26, 1942 in Poplar; Poplar High graduate; fire fighting and photo recon schools in military; law enforcement training at Dawson College; self-employed; Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board, Northeast Montana Hospital Board and Fort Peck Boys & Girls Club Board; has served on Montana Hospital Advisory Board, as a Boy Scout leader, as an EMT and as an American Red Cross instructor; U.S. Air Force veteran; served in House 1999-2004, in Senate since 2005; he and his late wife, Clairena, have four children: Virgil, Theresa, Mary and Suzann.



*Frank Smith*



*Carolyn Squires*

**Carolyn Squires** - Missoula, District 48, Democrat. Born Sept. 25, 1940 in Whitefish, Holy Names Academy high school graduate; A.A., arts and sciences, Everett Junior College, Washington; LPN, Missoula Vo-Tech; retired from AFL-CIO Project Challenge Work Again Program and nursing career, served in House 1987-2000; in Senate since 2003, majority whip, 2005-06; husband's name is Harold, they have two sons, Paul and Keith.

**Don J. Steinbeisser** - Sidney, District 19, Republican. Born April 15, 1935 in Sidney; Sidney High School graduate; farmer-rancher-businessman; Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project board of directors; Montana-Dakota Beet Growers Assn. past president; American Sugar Beet Growers Assn. past director and past president; First Bank board of directors; U.S. Army Reserves, 6 years; served in the House 2001-2004, in Senate since 2005; he and his late wife Leona have five children—Jim, Don Jr., Craig, Janet and Trisha.



*Don Steinbeisser*



*Bob Story*

**Robert R. Story Jr.** - Park City, District 30, Republican. Born Dec. 10, 1952 in Billings; Park City High School graduate; B.S. agricultural education, Montana State University-Bozeman; farmer-rancher; Park City School Board trustee, Stillwater Conservation District; served in House 1995-2002, House Taxation Committee chair, 2001-02, served in Senate since 2003, minority whip 2005-06; wife's name is Jyl, between the two they have five children and seven grandchildren.

**Bill Tash** - Dillon, District 36, Republican. Born Aug. 21, 1932 in Dillon; Beaverhead County High graduate; attended UM-Western and Montana State University; rancher; Barrett Memorial Hospital Board, 19 years; Montana Hospital Assn. trustee; American Hospital Assn. trustee delegate; U.S. Navy Korean War veteran; served in House 1993-2000, in Senate since 2001; House Natural Resources chair, 1999-2000, Senate Natural Resource chair, 2003-04; wife's name is Marlene, they have three sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren.



*Bill Tash*



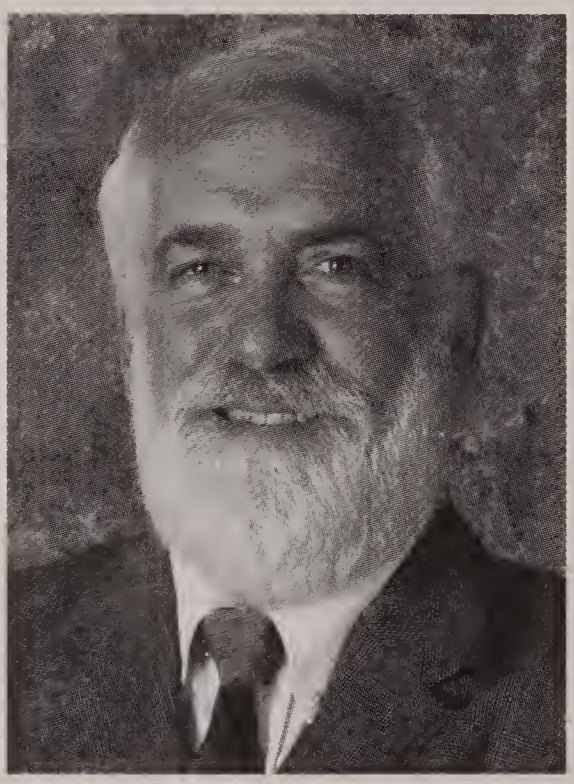
*Joe Tropila*

**Joseph "Joe" Tropila** - Great Falls, District 13, Democrat. Born May 31, 1935 in Jersey City, N.J. and came to Montana in 1955; B.S. biology, chemistry/education, University of Great Falls; retired; former teacher, natural gas engineer and restaurant-lounge owner; U.S. Air Force Korean veteran; served in House 1975-80, as Cascade County Clerk and Recorder 1981-93, in House 1993-2002 and in Senate since 2003; wife's name is Mary, they have four children and five grandchildren.

**Mitch Tropila** - Great Falls, District 12, Democrat. Born Oct. 23, 1963 in Great Falls; CM Russell High School graduate; B.A. in radio-television and B.S. in business administration, University of Montana; president of Big Fish Marketing, Inc.; parishioner at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Elks Lodge #214 member, Speakers and Toastmasters #251 member; served in Senate 2007; wife's name is Erin.



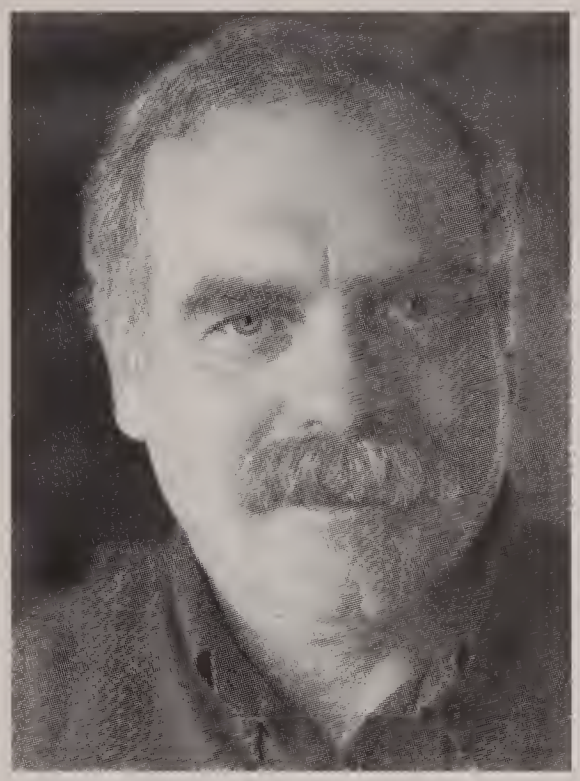
*Mitch Tropila*



*Dave Wanzenried*

**David Wanzenried** - Missoula, District 49, Democrat. Born Nov. 20, 1948 in Upland, Calif., came to Montana in 1968; Twin Falls, Idaho, High School graduate; B.A., M.A., political science, University of Montana; transportation marketing & sales; Gov. Ted Schwinden's chief of staff, 1981-84; Montana Labor commissioner, 1984-86; served in House 1991-94 from Kalispell and 2001-06 from Missoula, minority leader 2003-04, Democratic leader, 2005-06; served in Senate 2007; he has two sons, Nick and Michael.

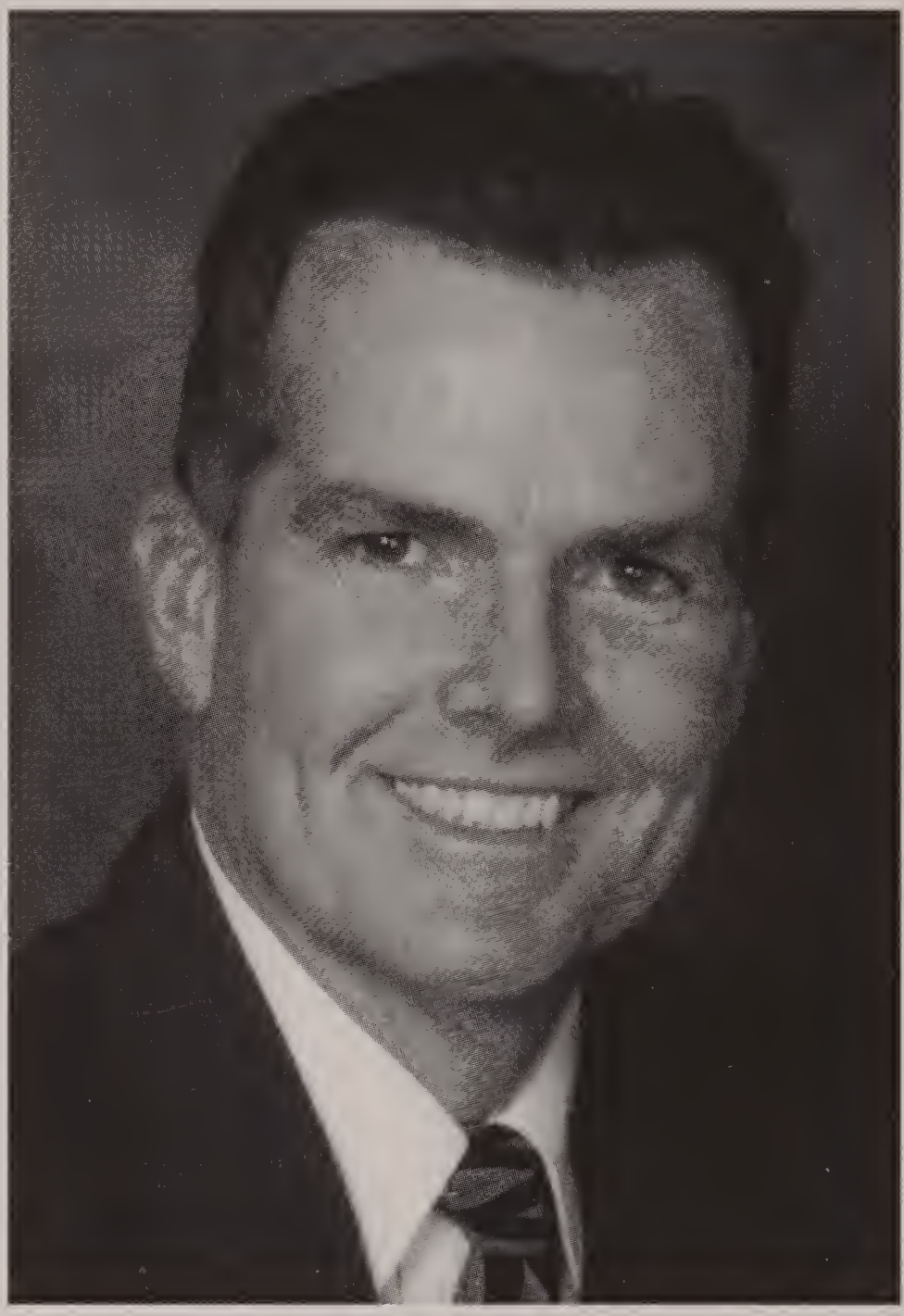
**Dan Weinberg** - Whitefish, District 2, Democrat. Born Dec. 12, 1946 in Chicago and came to Montana in 1998; B.A. political science, Hartwick College; M.A. counseling education, Cal Poly; M.A., Ph.D. clinical psychology, Fielding Institute; mental health clinician/ farmer; Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya; Camino, CA, School Board; Angora Ridge Foundation co-president; Western Slope Aquatic Center, El Dorado, CA, Project Chair; Whitefish Aquatic Health Center (The Wave) Project Chair; served in Senate since 2005; wife's name is Gayle; children are Brian, Dylan, Zachary, Molly and Abby; they have three grandchildren.



*Dan Weinberg*

# The House

# *Sixtieth Assembly*



**SCOTT SALES**
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

**Scott Sales** - Bozeman, District 68, Republican. The Speaker of the Montana House of Representatives was born July 26, 1960 in Douglas, Wyoming, and graduated from Borah High in Boise, Idaho. He earned a B.B.A. in industrial business from Boise State University. Rep. Sales moved to Montana in 1992 and is a private investor in the Gallatin Valley. He is a member of the National Rifle Association and the CATO Institute. The speaker has served in the House since 2003. In 2005, he was vice chair of the House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee and also served as a member of the House Taxation and Education committees. He and his wife Sandie have a son, Colten, and two daughters, Emma and Rachel.

**Michael Lange** - Billings, District 55, Republican. Born June 15, 1960 in Billings; Billings West graduate; attended Rocky Mountain College and MSU-Billings, completed pipefitter apprenticeship; journeyman pipefitter, small business owner; United Assn. of Plumbers and Pipefitters #30; Montana Right to Life; National Rifle Assn; Western Legislative Academy graduate, National Legislative Leadership Foundation graduate; served in House since 2003, Republican Floor leader 2005-06; Majority leader 2007-08; wife's name is Debbie, they have four children.



*Michael Lange*
*Majority Leader*



*John Parker*
*Minority Leader*

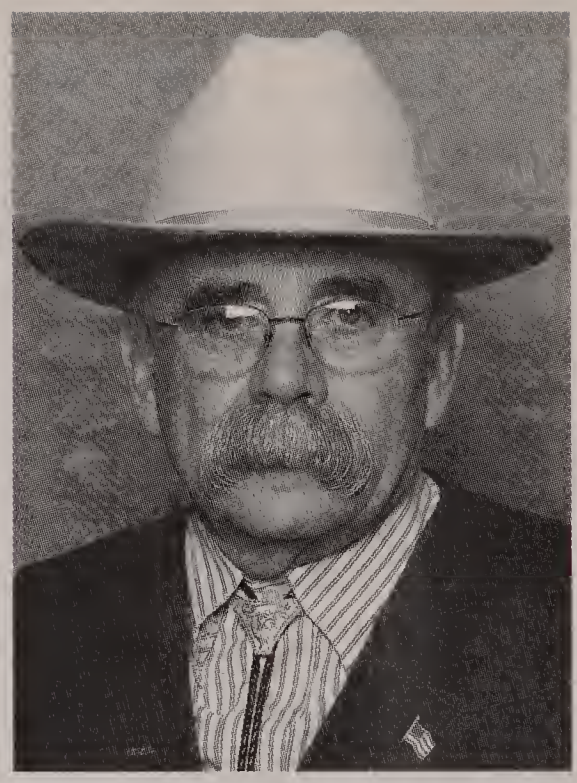
**John Parker** - Great Falls, District 23, Democrat. Born Dec. 29, 1970 in Great Falls; Whitefish High graduate, B.S.F.S., Georgetown University; J.D., University of Montana; Cascade County deputy county attorney - criminal prosecutor; Attorney General's Criminal Intelligence Advisory Board; Great Falls Kiwanis, Cascade County Bar Association; served in House since 2003, Democratic Floor leader 2005-06, Minority leader 2007-08; wife's name is Carrie.

**Debby Barrett** - Dillon, District 72, Republican. Born April 5, 1952 in Hayes, Kansas, and came to Montana in 1957; Beaverhead County High graduate, attended University of Montana-Western at Dillon; rancher; served in House since 2001, Republican whip 2005-06, Speaker Pro Tempore 2007-08; husband's name is Mike, they have a daughter Barbara.



*Debby Barrett*
*Speaker Pro Tempore*

**Duane Ankney** – Colstrip, District 43, Republican. Born April 14, 1946 in Lewiston, Idaho and came to Montana in 1969; High school graduate. Crushing superintendent for Westmoreland Coal Co.; Colstrip School board former trustee, AAU wrestling past president, Montanans for Responsible Energy Development member, Montana Job Training Coordinating Council; U.S. Navy air crewman, 1964-69; served in House 2007; wife's name is Carol Schillinger Ankney, they have five children—Dusti, Chris, Kevin, Pete and Nick—and five grandchildren.



*Duane Ankney*



*Elsie Arntzen*

**Elsie Arntzen** - Billings, District 53, Republican. Born May 7, 1956 in Billings; Billings West graduate; B.S., economics, University of Montana, B.A., education, MSU-Billings; elementary teacher; executive board of YWCA, served on Yellowstone County DUI Task Force, Forever Families Board and Boys and Girls Club Alliance Board; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Steven, they have two daughters, Kendra and McKinzie.

**Shannon J. Augare** – Browning, District 16, Democrat. Born Oct. 29, 1979 in Tacoma, Washington, and came to Montana the same year; attended University of Great Falls. Director of Rural Dynamics Inc; Glacier County Democrats member, Boys & Girls Club of North Central Montana board of directors, Camp Sky Child board of directors, Montana Democratic Party executive committee member, National Caucus of Native American Legislators member and chair of the Economic Development committee, National Community Tax Coalition steering committee, served in House 2007; single.



*Shannon J. Augare*



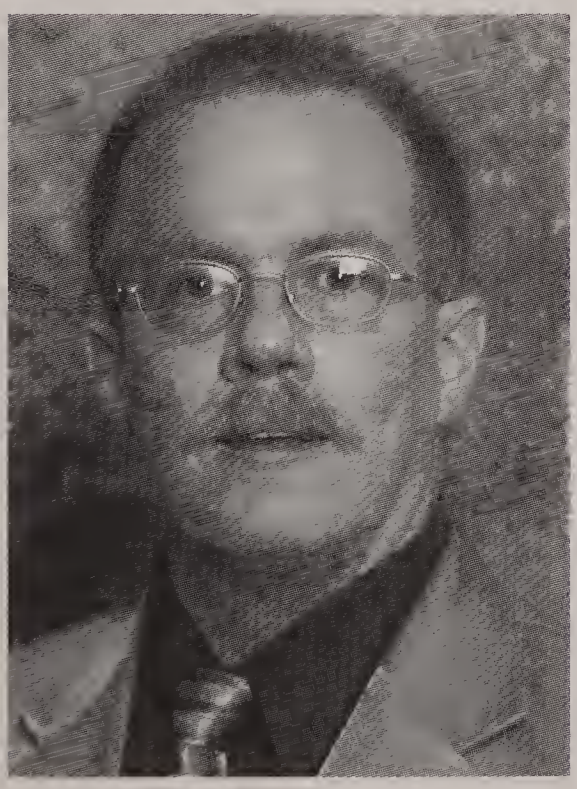
*Bill Beck*

**Bill Beck** – Whitefish, District 6, Republican. Born Dec. 6, 1934 in Philadelphia and moved to Montana in 1990. B.S. in business administration from Maryland University, M.A. in business administration from Central Michigan University; retired—formally treasurer of District of Columbia where administered real property taxes and was director of public safety training; SOMA (Save the Old Main Association) director, Whitefish Fire Board commissioner, Kiwanis past president, American Legion past commander, Whitefish Winter Carnival board (King ULLR XLIII); four years in U.S. Navy; served in House 2007; wife's name is Roberta, they have four children—Chip, Tracy, Barry and Darren—and eight grandchildren.

**Arlene Becker** - Billings, HD 52, Democrat. Born Dec. 27, 1948 in Rock Falls, Ill. and relocated to Montana in 1982; Rock Falls High graduate; B.S., and M.S. in nursing, Loyola University, Chicago; B.S. in business and accounting, MSU-Billings; certified public accountant and registered nurse; avid outdoors woman enjoying skiing, whitewater rafting and fishing; Chicago Cubs fan; served in House 1991-92 and since 2003; husband's name is Russ Brown.



*Arlene Becker*



*Bob Bergren*
*Minority Whip*

**Bob Bergren**- -Havre, District 33, Democrat. Born Nov. 9, 1963 in Havre; Havre High graduate; firefighter and emergency medical technician; co-owner of Julie's Hallmark; Havre City Council 1994-96, Montana State Fireman's Assn., executive board; International Assn. of Firefighters Local 601 member, past president; Montana State AFL-CIO executive board member; served in House since 2003, Democratic whip, 2005-06, Minority whip 2007-08; wife's name is Julie, they have a son Bobby and a daughter Shannon.

**Norma Bixby** - Lame Deer, District 41, Democrat. Born April 29, 1941 in Lame Deer; Sheridan, Wyoming, High School graduate, A.A. and B.S., MSU-Billings; M.A., New Mexico State University; Director of Education; served as Busby School board chair, Chief Dull Knife Memorial College chair, Montana Advisory Council for Indian Education chair; served on the Community Service Commission and various local and state committees. Served in House since 2001; she has four children, Dawnley, Valerie, Terri and Kevin.



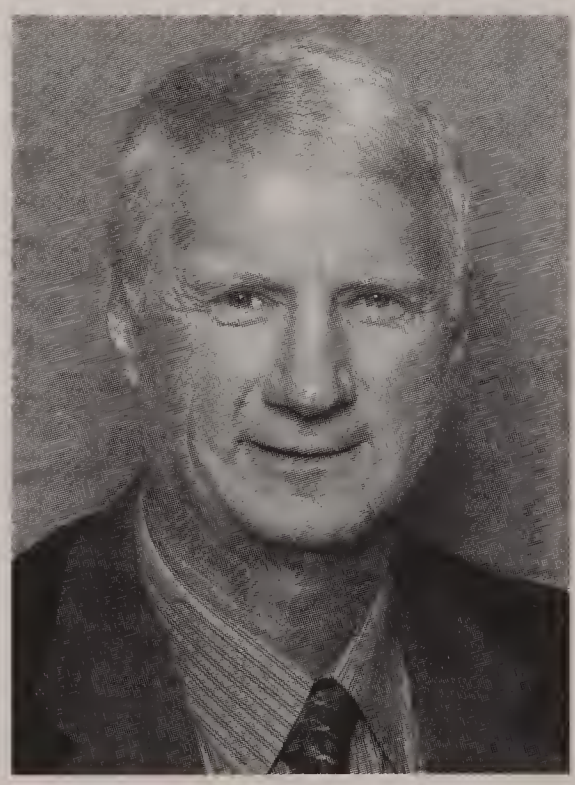
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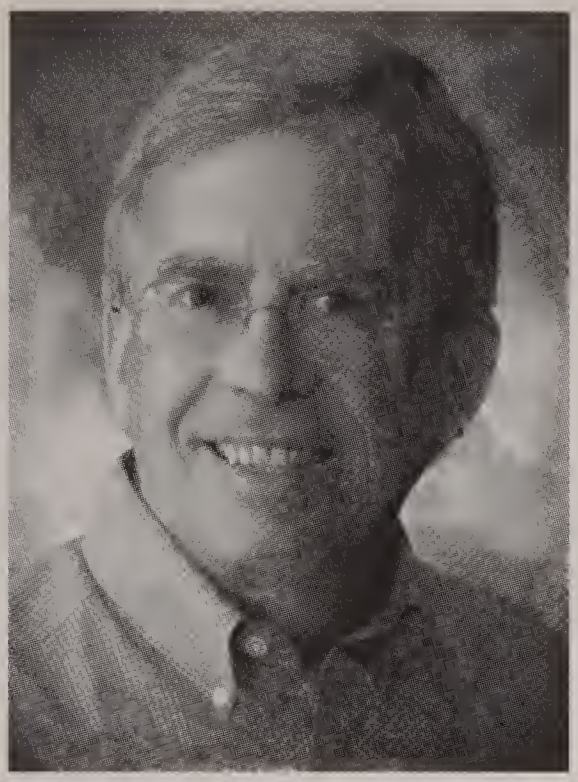
*Mark Blasdel*

**Mark Blasdel** – Somers, District 10, Republican. Born June 12, 1976 in Kalispell, Flathead High School graduate, B.A. in hospitality administration from the University of Nevada Las Vegas; restaurant owner; member of Kalispell and Lakeside-Somers chambers of commerce; served in House 2007; wife's name is Renee Blasdel, they have a daughter, Elizabeth Mae.

**Scott L. Boggio** — Red Lodge, District 59, Republican. Born Nov. 2, 1952 in Red Lodge; attended Montana State University-Bozeman; rancher; Luther School Board, six years; Red Lodge High School board, six years; Montana School Board Association director, three years; MUST Insurance Trust director, three years; served in House 2007; wife's name is Beth Boggio, children are Torri, Tamara, Kimberli and Kelsey, he has one grandchild, his uncle Jim Burnett served in the Legislature from Luther.



*Scott L. Boggio*



*Gary Branae*

**Gary Branae** - Billings, District 54, Democrat. Born March 20, 1944 in Big Timber; Sweet Grass County High graduate; B.S. education, MSU-Bozeman, M.S., school counseling, MSU-Billings; retired educator and youth director; member of State CASA Board, COR Enterprises Board and Family Tree Center Board; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Linda, they have two married daughters, Sarah and Amy.

**Edward Butcher** - Winifred, District 29, Republican. Born July 20, 1943 in Lewistown; Fergus High School graduate, B.A. MSU-Billings, M.A. University of Montana, post graduate, University of Colorado and North Dakota State; rancher-businessman; Fergus County Government Review Commission chair, 1994-96; Montana Term Limits Committee chair, 1992; Montana Board of Crime Control Youth Justice Council, 1976-80; served in Senate 2001-04. in House since 2005; Senate Transportation chair, House Agriculture chair 2005 and 2007; wife's name is Pam, they have three children, nine grandchildren.



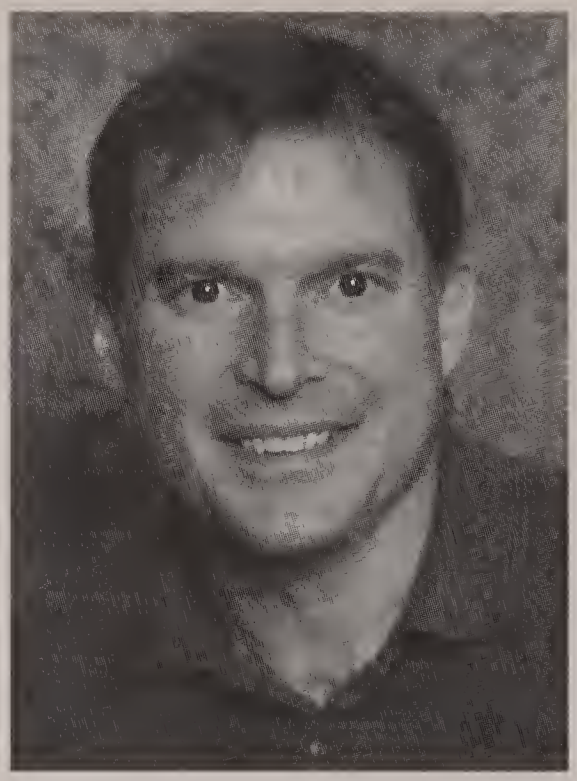
*Edward Butcher*



*Mary Caferro*

**Mary Caferro** - Helena, District 80, Democrat. Born Sept. 16, 1959 in Whitefish; attended Helena College of Technology; works for non-profit Working for Equality and Economic Liberation; soccer coach; has lobbied on behalf of low-income issues; served in House since 2005; she has four children.

**Tim Callahan** - Great Falls, District 21, Democrat. Born Feb. 9, 1955 in Billings; Missoula Loyola High School graduate; B.A., social work, University of Montana, M.Ed., MSU-Northern; juvenile probation officer; Cascade County Child Protection team, Cascade County Sexual Abuse team; Kairos Youth Services board member; Big Brothers & Sisters former board member; Montana Mental Health Assn. Children's Committee; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Ingrid.



*Tim Callahan*



*Margarett H. Campbell*

**Margarett H. Campbell** - Poplar, District 31, Democrat. Born Oct. 14, 1954 in Fort Belknap; Riverside Indian High School, Oklahoma, graduate; B. S. in business education and M. Ed. in vocational education,, MSU-Northern; Ph. Ed., University of Montana; Fort Peck Community College Vice President of Community Services; Fort Peck Inc. Board of Directors; Assiniboine Sioux Enterprise Community Board of Directors; Governor's Commission on Community Services; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Warren W. Means; she has three grown daughters, Vernelle, Reyna, Jennifer, and six grandchildren.

**Edith Clark** – Sweet Grass, District 28, Republican. Born Jan. 16, 1943 in Okemah, Oklahoma and moved to Montana in 1953; North Toole County (Sunburst) High School graduate; R.N. Columbus School of Nursing, University of Great Falls; registered nurse and rancher; served in House from 1999-2004 and in 2007; husband's name is Jay, they have a foster daughter Connie Armstrong, two sons—Matthew and Nate—and two grandsons.

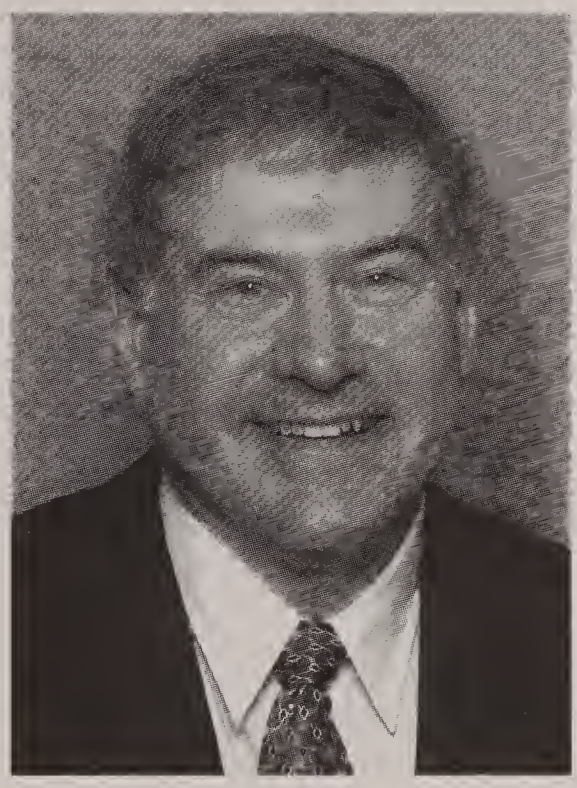


*Edith Clark*



*Jill Cohenour*

**Jill Cohenour** - East Helena, District 78, Democrat. Born July 2, 1966 in Havre, Havre High graduate; bachelors in chemistry and graduate work, University of Montana; chemist at State Environmental Lab; Montana Hope Project volunteer; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; East Helena PTA; Montana Conservation Voters; Federation of Public Health and Human Services Local #4573 president; MEA-MFT Board of Directors; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Joe; they have two children, Allysha and Taylor.



*Douglas Cordier*

**Douglas Cordier** — Columbia Falls, District 3, Democrat. Born Dec. 6, 1953 in Missoula, Columbia Falls High School graduate, B.S. in recreation management and K-8 certification from University of Montana, M.A. in school counseling from MSU-Northern; high school guidance counselor and coach; Wildcat Athletic Endowment Assn. board member and president, has coached 26 years, St. Richard Catholic Church pastoral assistant, Columbia Falls High School student council and National Honor Society adviser, Samaritan House Homeless Shelter board member; served in House 2007, wife's name is Char Cordier, they have a daughter Brice.



*Sue Dickenson*

**Sue Dickenson** - Great Falls, District 25, Democrat. Born Aug. 24, 1945 in Billings; Billings Senior graduate; B.A. history and political science, University of Montana; retired educator; Our Savior's Lutheran Church; Cascade County DUI Task Force; Governor's Advisory Council on Climate Change; served on House Natural Resources and State Administration committees, Education and Local Government interim committees, Environmental Quality Council member; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Bob, they have three grown children, Craig, Amy and Dave.

**Robyn Driscoll -** Billings, District 51, Democrat. Born July 16, 1962 in Billings; Billings Senior graduate; bachelors degree in history-political science from Rocky Mountain College; community education coordinator; serves on insurance committee and diversity committee for Billings Public Schools; served in House since 2005; daughter Mindi lives in Butte.



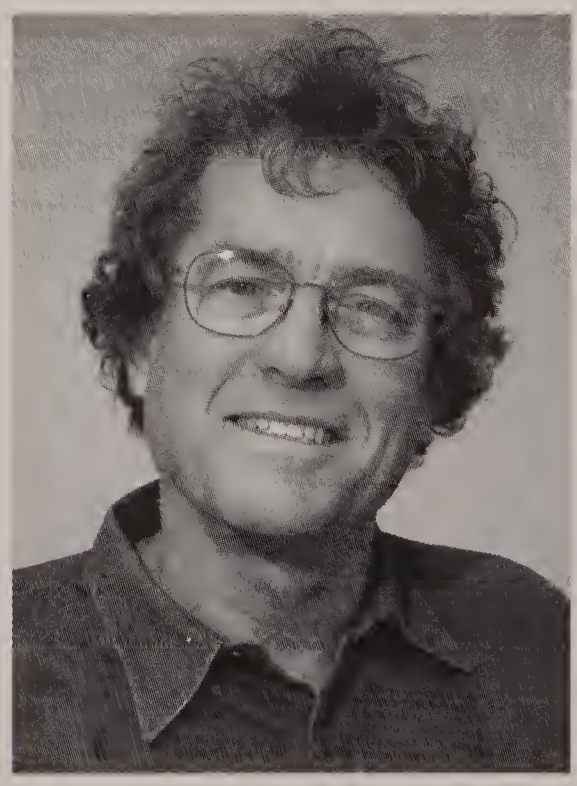
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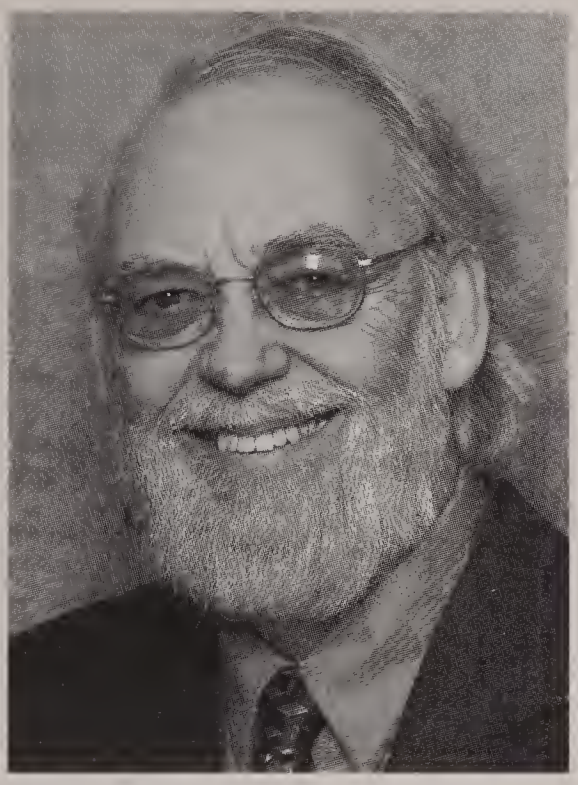
*Ernie Dutton*

**Ernie Dutton** – Billings, District 56, Republican. Born June 2, 1949 in New York City, came to Montana in 1971; Heidelberg High School graduate, B.A. in economics and political sciences from the University of Wyoming; real estate; Rotary International member, Montana Association of Realtors member, Yellowstone Kiwanis past president, Pachyderm past president; served in House 2007; wife's name is Leanne Dutton, children are Carly, Katie and Cody.

**Bob Ebinger** – Livingston, District 62, Democrat. Born Dec. 26, 1944 in Columbus, Ohio and came to Montana in 1994. Columbus Academy graduate, B. A. in history from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., M.A. in cinema and California certificate in historic preservation from the University of Southern California; Livingston City Commissioner 2002-06, Montana Film Center president; Livingston Center for Art and Culture board member, Park County Environmental Council, Livingston Mercantile, member of Livingston Rotary, Livingston Downtown Association, Montana Ambassadors, Livingston Roundup Association, former chair of Livingston Historic Preservation Commission; served in House 2007; spouse's name is Robin Hogan Ebinger.



*Bob Ebinger*



*Ron Erickson*

**Ron Erickson** – Missoula, District 93, Democrat. Born April 20, 1933 in Peoria, Illinois, and came to Montana in 1965; B.S. in chemistry, Bradley University, Ph.D. in organic chemistry, University of Iowa; retired University of Montana environmental studies professor; community activist on pollution, land use and open space issues; served in House from 1999-2004 and in 2007; wife's name is Nancy, daughters are Chris and Terrell. He has one grandchild.

**George Everett** - Kalispell, District 5, Republican. Born Oct. 4, 1946 in Kalispell; Flathead County High graduate, B.S. in business administration, University of Montana; small business owner; Evergreen Property Owners Association past president; Montanans for Multiple Use; served in House since 2002; wife's name is Patti, they have a daughter Amy and a son Jonathan.



*George Everett*



*Eve Franklin*

**Eve Franklin** - Great Falls, District 24, Democrat. Born Aug. 14, 1954 in New York, came to Montana in 1987; attended Earlham College and Herbert H. Lehman College, B.S.N. and M.S.N. in nursing; executive director, Registered Nurses Association; served in the Senate 1991-2002, in House since 2003, Senate minority whip 1997-98; she has two grandchildren.

**Julie E. French** – Scobey, District 36, Democrat. Born March 25, 1953 in Scobey; Scobey High School graduate, A.A.from Williston, ND, State College; licensed physical therapist assistant and Daniels Memorial Health Care Center compliance officer; Daniels County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture past president, Daniels County Council on Aging past president, Daniels County Transportation Advisory Council president, Montana Catholic Conference past president, Daniels County Ambulance Association, Scobey Golf Club past president; served in House 2007; husband's name is Stanley, she has three grown children—Dan, David and Rebecca—and one grandchild.



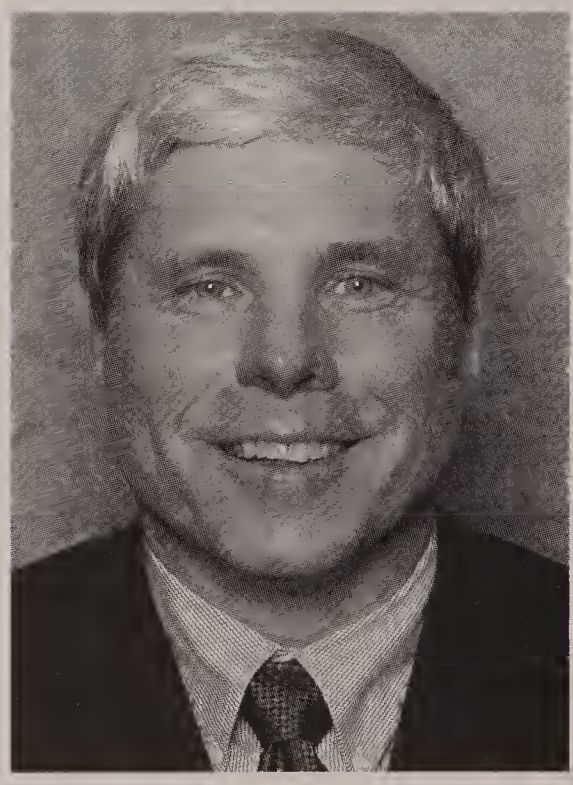
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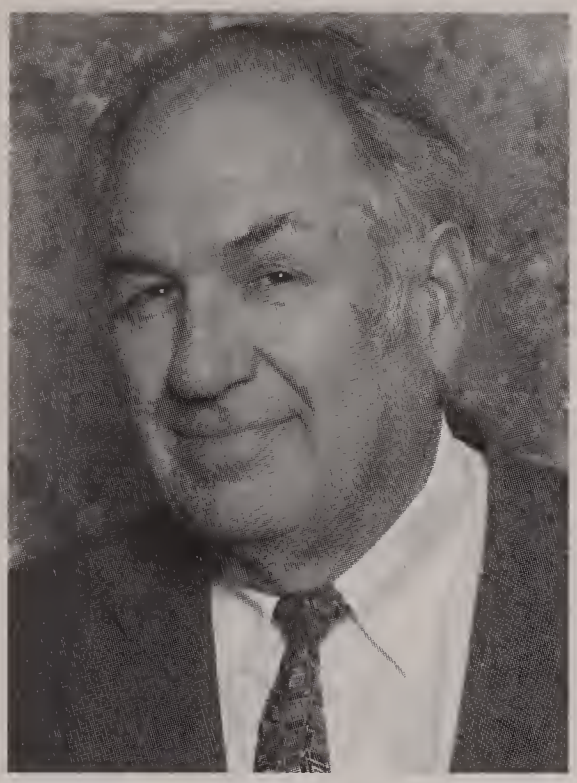
*Kevin Furey*

**Kevin Furey** - Missoula, District 91, Democrat. Born Jan. 24, 1983 in Barrington, Ill., and came to Montana in 1994. Hellgate High graduate; Army Reservist and honors student at University of Montana majoring in environmental studies and political science; founding member of Friends of Two Rivers; Eagle Scout at age of 14; lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars; lifelong volunteer for disability organizations; Army Reservist serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; served in House since 2005; parents are Tim and Sue Furey, brothers are Brian and Tom.

**Dave Gallik -** Helena, District 79, Democrat. Born March 12, 1954 in Great Falls; C.M. Russell High School graduate; B.S., political science, University of Idaho; Thomas Jefferson School of Law, J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law; private practice attorney; staff director for a United States Senator from the state of Washington, 1986-1993; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Gail.



*Dave Gallik*



*William "Bill" Glaser*

**William "Bill" Glaser** - Huntley, District 44. Born January 4, 1940 in Long Beach, California, graduated from high school in Huntington Beach, California; came to Montana in 1957; agri-business; former sound contractor; served in House 1985-1990, in Senate 1997-2004, in House since 2005; wife's name is Patsy, they have six children, thirteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



*Wanda Grinde*

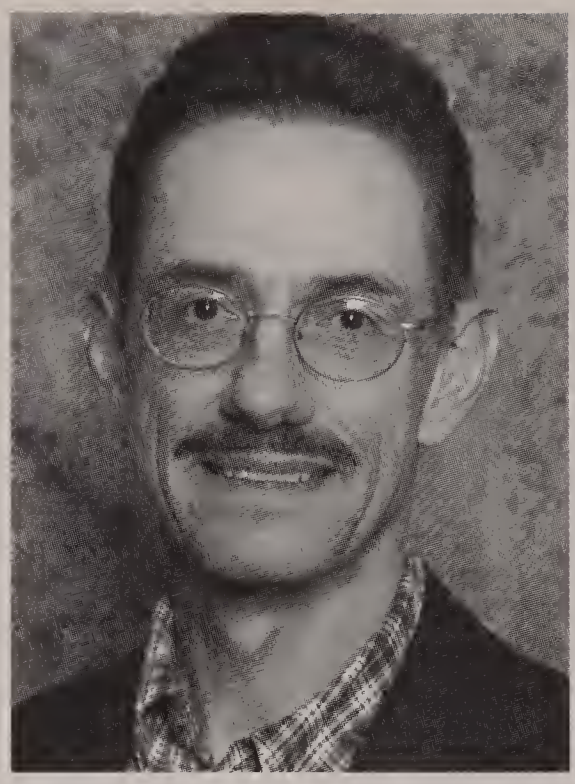
**Wanda Grinde** - Billings, District 48, Democrat. Born March 19, 1944 in Lewistown. Fergus High graduate; B.S. and M.S. in education, MSU-Billings; retired educator; MEA-MFT; AFL-CIO; Northern Plains Resource Council; Montana Conservation Voters; MSU-Billings Foundation Annual Drive; Billings Heights Task Force; Billings Heights Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee; Yellowstone County Democrat Central Committee Executive Board; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Rodney, they have two children, Rory and Kendra.



*George Groesbeck*

**George Groesbeck** - Butte, District 74, Democrat. Born April 21, 1970 in Butte; Butte High graduate; B.A. in political science and philosophy, Carroll College, M.S. in technical communication, Montana Tech of the University of Montana; instructor; Butte School District #1 former trustee; Montana Tech Chancellor's Advisory Board; American Federation of Musicians Local 642 member; Carroll College Forensics Association; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Sarah, they have a daughter Brooklyn.

**Robin L. Hamilton** - Missoula, District 92, Democrat. Born June 12, 1947 in Missoula; Flathead High graduate; B.A., M.Ed., M.F.A, University of Montana; writer, retired teacher, partner in The Shack restaurant; Kenesis Magazine National Poetry Contest first prize, 1996; Missoula High School Education Association president, 1993-94; Missoula Writers Collaborative current president; Montana State K-16 Composition Committee, 1998-99; Montana State English Standards Committee, 1998-99; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Peggy Patrick, they have a son, Ian.



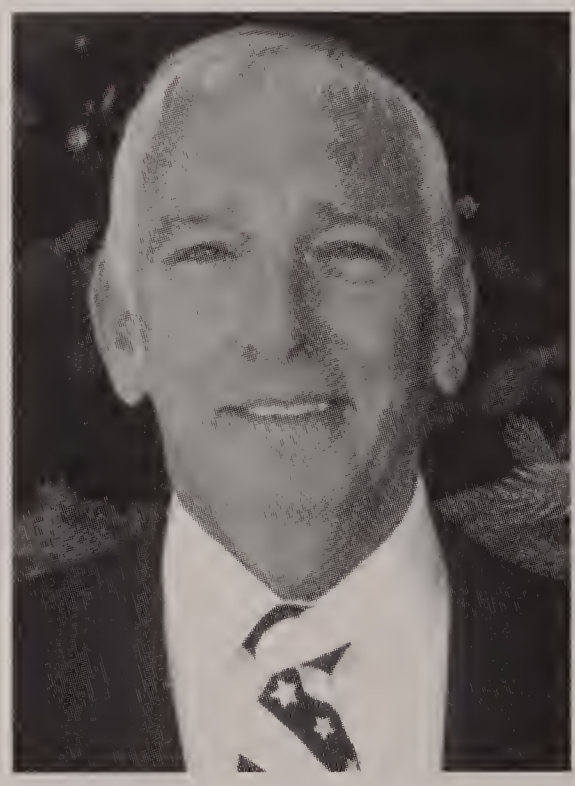
*Robin L. Hamilton*



*Betsy Hands*

**Betsy Hands --** Missoula, District 99 Democrat. Born Jan. 20, 1970; B.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and M.S. University of Montana; non-profit manager-Homeword; served in Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa; served in House 2007.

**Ray Hawk** - Florence, District 90, Republican. Born March 12, 1941 in Michigan and came to Montana in 1959; attended University of Montana two years; retired auctioneer; Montana Auctioneers Association past president and board member; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Arlene, they have two children, Lynn and Joe.



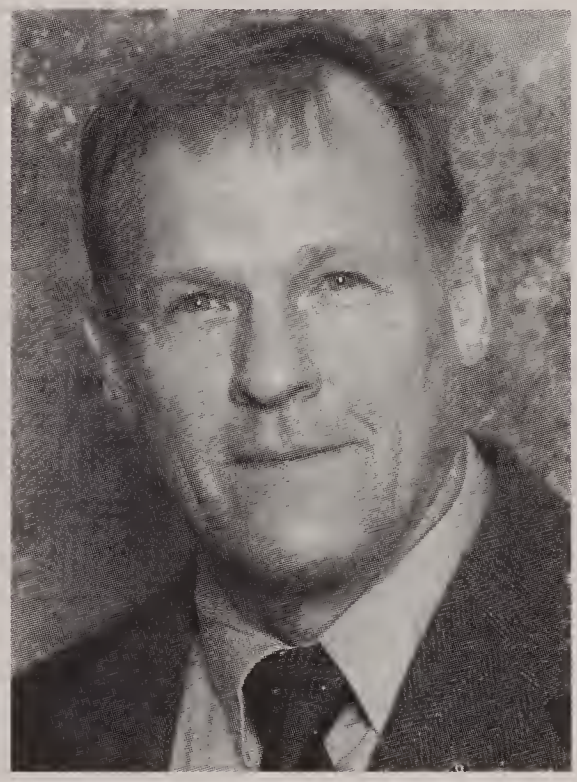
*Ray Hawk*



*Ralph Heinert*

**Ralph Heinert** - Libby, District 1, Republican. Born Aug. 26, 1944 in South Dakota, came to Montana in 1968; Belle Fourche High graduate; graduated from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology with a B.S., mechanical engineering; retired from forest products industry; served on school board, Bonner, MT; Chamber of Commerce Board-Libby area; Past Libby Area Economic Council President; Rodeo Committee; served in the House 2005 on Business & Labor, Agriculture, & Natural Resources committees; and interim State Administration & Veterans Affairs committee. Re-elected to the House for 2007 session. Wife's name is Rita; they have 3 sons, one a U.S. Navy lieutenant, and two grandchildren.

**Gordon Hendrick** - Superior, District 14, Republican. Born Feb. 16, 1949 in Toronto, Ontario, relocated in Montana in 1970; Alhambra High graduate; attended University of Montana; retired; mayor of Superior eleven years, on Town Council, three years; Search and Rescue President, ten years; Disaster and Emergency Service deputy director, eight years; director, one year; USDA Resources Advisory Council co-chair, one year; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Vicky Ann, they have two children, Jennifer and Scott, and one grandchild.



*Gordon Hendrick*



*Teresa K. Henry*

**Teresa K. Henry** - Missoula, District 96, Democrat. Born August 15, 1952 in Port Huron, Michigan, and came to Montana in 1989; Carmen High, Flint, Michigan, graduate; B.S. in nursing, Mercy College of Detroit; M.S., University of California, San Francisco; registered nurse, assistant professor; Montana Nurses Association past president; Montana Women's Lobby Board past chair; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Stephen P. Egli.

**Edward A. Hilbert** – Glendive, District 38, Republican. Born May 30, 1968 in Abington, Pennsylvania and came to Montana in 1975; Missoula Big Sky High School graduate, A.A. in law enforcement from Dawson Community College, attended University of Montana; Montana Highway Patrol sergeant; Montana Hope Project Board representative, Association of Montana Highway Troopers representative; served in House 2007; parents names are Ed and Doris Hilbert, spouse's name is Lori, he has three children—Ashley, Sara and Adam.



*Edward A. Hilbert*



*Dennis Himmelberger*

**Dennis Himmelberger** - Billings, District 47, Republican. Born August 2, 1955 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and came to Montana in 1980; Northern Lebanon High graduate; attended MSU-Billings; businessman; Billings Heights Task Force; Micro-Business Advisory Council 2001-02; Western Legislative Academy 2005 graduate, University of Virginia Emerging Political Leaders Program 2006; served in House 2001-02 and since 2005, House Republican whip 2005-06; wife's name is Donna.

**Cindy Hiner** - Deer Lodge, District 85, Democrat. Born August 16, 1970 in Helena; Powell County High graduate; B.A. nursing, Carroll College; Montana State Prison director of nursing; Powell County Ambulance Service director at large; Booster Club vice president; past local youth group board member; past union president; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Matt, they have two children, Jessica and Matison.



*Cindy Hiner*



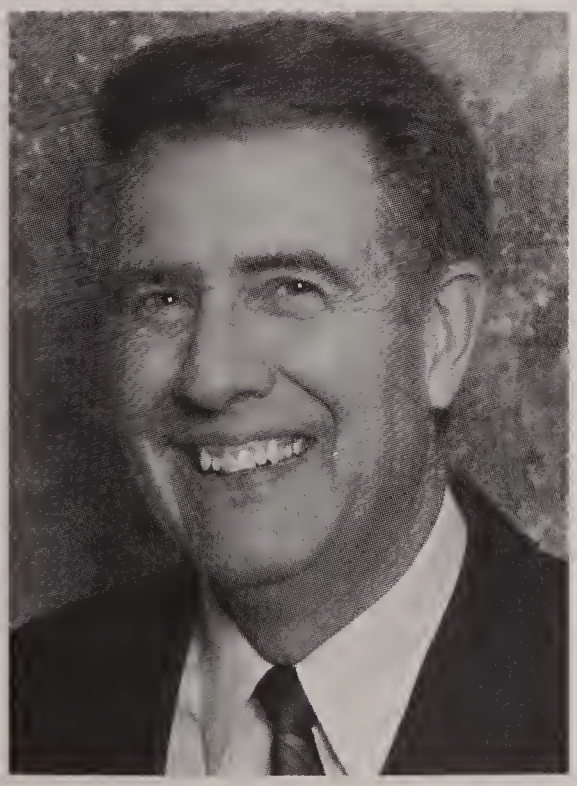
*Galen Hollenbaugh*

**Galen Hollenbaugh** -- Helena, District 81, Democrat. Born Sept. 27, 1968 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and moved to Montana in 1971; Hellgate High School graduate, B.A. in political science and graduate studies in public administration from the University of Montana; Montana Department of Justice deputy chief of staff; Helena Big Brothers and Sisters volunteer and board member, Lewis & Clark County Fair Board member, University of Montana Alumni Association, Montana Conservation Voters, Eagle Scout; appointed to House in 2006, served in House 2007; single.

**Pat Ingraham** — Thompson Falls, District 13, Republican. Born April 29, 1950 in Derry, New Hampshire, moved to Montana in 1974; Sanders County Clerk & Recorder-Assessor-Surveyor; Thompson Falls City Study Commission, Thompson Falls Christian Church active member 30 years; husband's name is Gerald, they have four children—Jerry, Tina, Tyler and Candy, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



*Pat Ingraham*



*Hal Jacobson*

**Hal Jacobson** - Helena, District 82, Democrat. Born Nov. 19, 1950 in Helena; Helena High graduate; attended Montana State University-Bozeman; B.A. political science Carroll College; small business owner; Kessler School Board trustee, 1991-94; Lewis & Clark United Way board member, past president and past co-chair; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Mary.

**Joey Jayne** - Arlee, District 15, Democrat. Born Sept. 4, 1957 in Shiprock, New Mexico, and came to Montana in 1987; B.S. agricultural industry and M.S. watershed management-hydrology, University of Arizona; J.D., University of Montana; attorney; served in House since 2001; fiance's name is Harley Tanner.



*Joey Jayne*



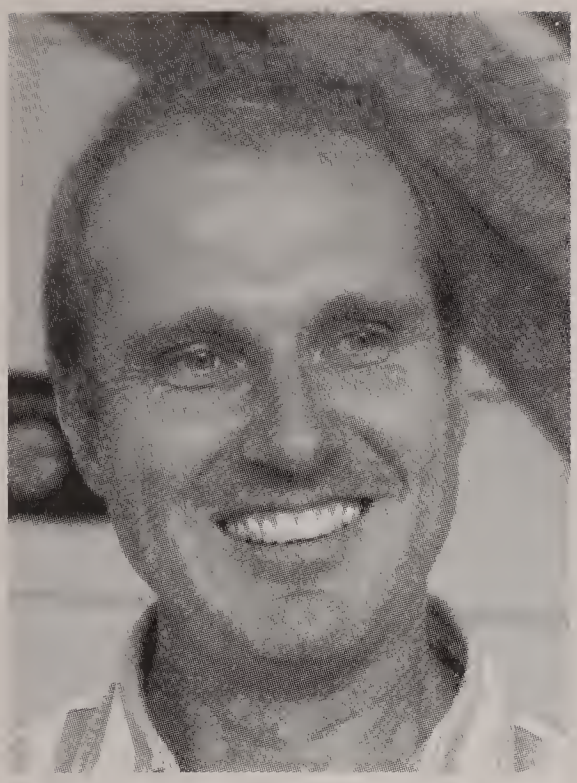
*Bill Jones*

**Bill Jones** - Bigfork, District 9, Republican. Born Oct. 17, 1939 in Cut Bank; Cut Bank High graduate; D.D.S., University of Washington School of Dentistry; dentist; has served on Cut Bank school board and has been involved in youth activities; served in Army in Korea at Mudigan Army Hospital; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Patricia; they have five children, James, Daniel, David, Karli Sue and Doni.

**Llew Jones** - Conrad, District 27, Republican. Born Dec. 2, 1962 in Helena; Conrad High graduate; B.S. ag business and M.S. applied economics, Montana State University-Bozeman; farmer/rancher/small business owner; Conrad Chamber of Commerce past president; Pondera Coalition for Progress president; Golden Triangle Pachyderm Club president; Conrad wrestling past president; Conrad city councilman, two terms; served in House since 2005, wife's name is Carole, they have four children, Eddie, Daniel, Aaron and Dania.



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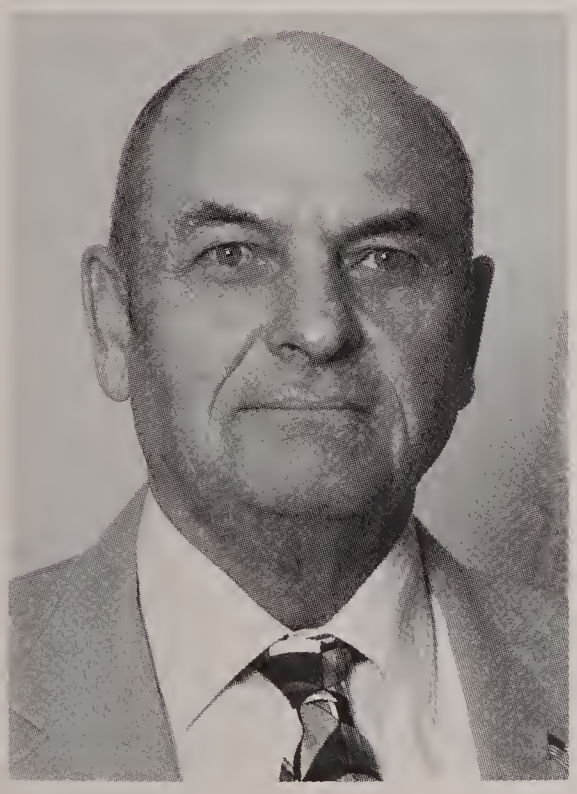
*Mike Jopek*

**Mike Jopek** - Whitefish, District 4, Democrat. Born June 6, 1964 in Finland, moved to Whitefish in 1988; graduate of Masacoma High in Canaan, New Hampshire and studied engineering at the University of New Hampshire; farmer and owner-operator of a market garden with his partner Pam; Whitefish Housing Authority chairman; Whitefish City-County Planning Board chairman; served in House since 2005; partner's name is Pam Gerwe, they have a foster son Jason.

**Rick Jore** – Ronan, District 12, Constitution. Born Dec. 21, 1956 in Ronan; Ronan High School graduate, A.A. business administration, North Idaho College; owner of Westslope Trout Company; served in House 1995-2000 and in 2007; spouse's name is Nancy, they have five children—Kari, Angie, Nicole, Rikke and Ben—and nine grandchildren.



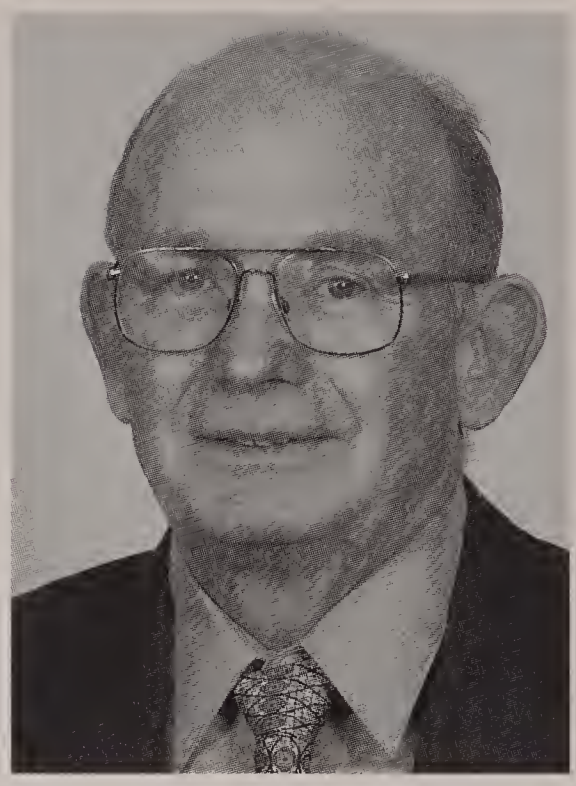
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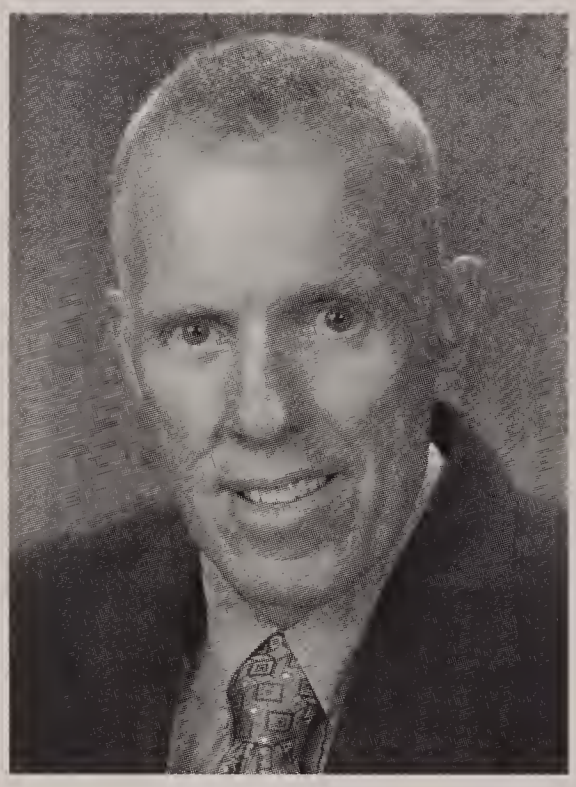
*Dave Kasten*

**Dave Kasten -** Brockway, District 30, Republican. Born June 21, 1939 in Watkins, Montana; Circle High graduate; military police academy graduate; rancher; Salem Lutheran Church past president, Circle Chamber of Commerce past president; McCone 100 Club president; served on local, regional and national boards and committees; U.S. Army veteran; served in House and on House Appropriations Committee 2001-04 and in House 2007; wife Betty Lou Kasten served in the House for six sessions and was replaced by her husband in 2001; they have a daughter Elaine, son Tod and six grandchildren.

**Jim Keane** - Butte, District 75, Democrat. Born Dec. 23, 1941 in Butte; Butte Central High School graduate; attended University of Hawaii, Montana Tech, Western Montana College and University of Wyoming; business manager for operating engineers union; certified vocational instructor in Montana; Business Manager, Operating Engineers Local 400; Montana AFL/CIO former vice president; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Dolores and they have three children, Alisa, Kiely and Kevin.



*Jim Keane*



*Krayton Kerns*

**Krayton Kerns** — Laurel, District 58, Republican. Born April 26, 1957 in Sheridan, Wyoming, and moved to Montana in 1983; B.S. microbiology from University of Wyoming, doctor of Veterinary medicine from Colorado State University; veterinarian; served in House 2007; wife's name is Druann Kerns, they have three children—Meagan, Chelsie and Tyler—and two grandchildren.

**Harry Klock** - Harlowton, District 83, Republican. Born March 29, 1948 in Lewistown; Harlowton High graduate; B.S. education, Montana State University-Bozeman; rancher and bar owner; Harlowton School Board, two years; Chamber of Commerce; Montana Tavern Association past president; American Beverage Licensees board of directors and past vice president; Montana Stockgrowers Assn.; Harlowton and Wheatland County Fire Dept. 26 years, five years as fire chief; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Sharyn, they have two children, Kyle and Danika.



*Harry Klock*



*Roger Koopman*

**Roger Koopman** - Bozeman, District 70, Republican. Born April 13, 1949 in Mineola, New York, moved to Montana in 1977; Roosevelt High graduate; bachelor of general studies, University of Idaho; Career Concepts Employment Services owner; former press secretary/admin. asst. to U.S. Congressmen Ron Paul & Steve Symms; nationally published political writer, columnist for Bozeman Daily Chronicle; Montana Hunter Safety instructor, 10 years; NFIB Leadership Council; Montana Theatre Works theater performer, volunteer; former National Rifle Assn. writer, field rep; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Ann, they have four children, Bonnie, Caroline, Maryann and David, and one grand child.

**Deborah J. Kottel** – Great Falls, District 20, Democrat. Born June 15, 1952 in Gary, Indiana, moved to Montana in 1987. Riverside-Brookfield High School graduate, B.S. Loyola University of Chicago, J.D. from DePaul University; Professor at University of Great Falls, rural development; Great Falls International Airport Authority board, 1999-2006, Commissioner of Transportation Area Three 2005-06, served in House 1995-98 and in 2007; single, she has one child, Drew Savage.



*Deborah J. Kottel*



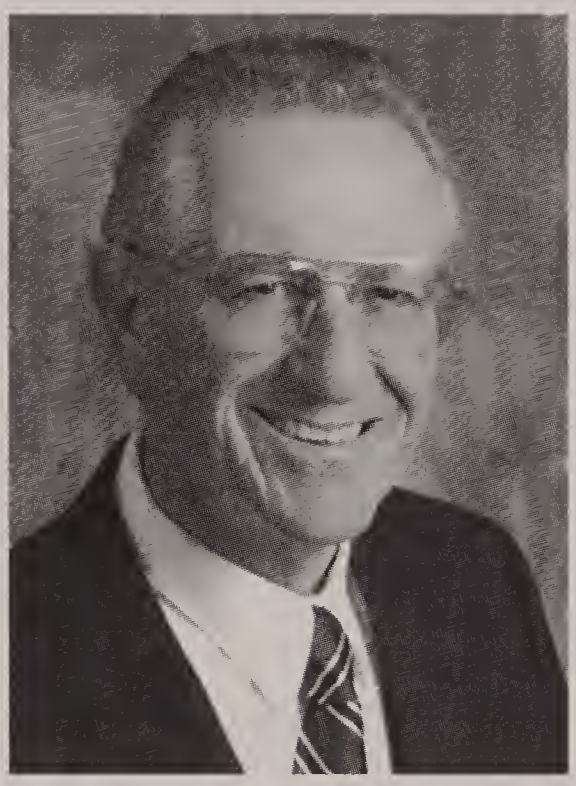
*Bob Lake*

**Bob Lake** - Hamilton, District 88, Republican. Born March 18, 1938 in Ronan, Ronan High graduate; semi-retired, in commercial real estate; retired from commercial feed business in 2000; Montana Chamber of Commerce past chair; Montana Feed Assn. past president; delegate to White House Conference on Small Business; Montana Lottery Commission; Hamilton Lions; Board of Montana Council of Economic Education; U.S. Army veteran; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Faithe, they have a daughter Coleen, a son Ward and two granddaughters.

**Carol Lambert** - Broadus, District 39, Republican. Born Aug. 4, 1941 in Powder River County; Broadus High graduate; rancher; Montana Federation of Republican Women past president; Carter County Republican Central Committee chair; Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) state president; Montana Public Employees Retirement System board member; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Norman, they have three sons, Norm, Bill and Marc, and six grandchildren.



*Carol Lambert*



*Gary MacLaren, majority whip*

**Gary MacLaren**- Victor, District 89, Republican. Born March 28, 1942 in Santa Ana, California; moved to Montana in 1995; graduated from high school in California; B. S. chemistry, University of California Berkeley; retired EDS Systems engineer; El Cerrito, California, City Council 1972-80, mayor, 1975-76, 1979-80; County Criminal Justice Agency; served in U.S. Navy, 1964-67; served in House since 2005; Majority whip, 2007-08; wife's name is Kay, they have four children: Steve, Teri, Scott and Todd, and three grandchildren.

**Bruce Malcolm** - Emigrant, District 61, Republican. Born Dec. 16, 1936 in Park County; Park County High graduate, B.S. in Ag Economics from Montana State University; rancher-outfitter; Wolf Advisory Council; Conservation District supervisor for 30 years; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Connie, they have two children, Chad and Sandra.



*Bruce Malcolm*



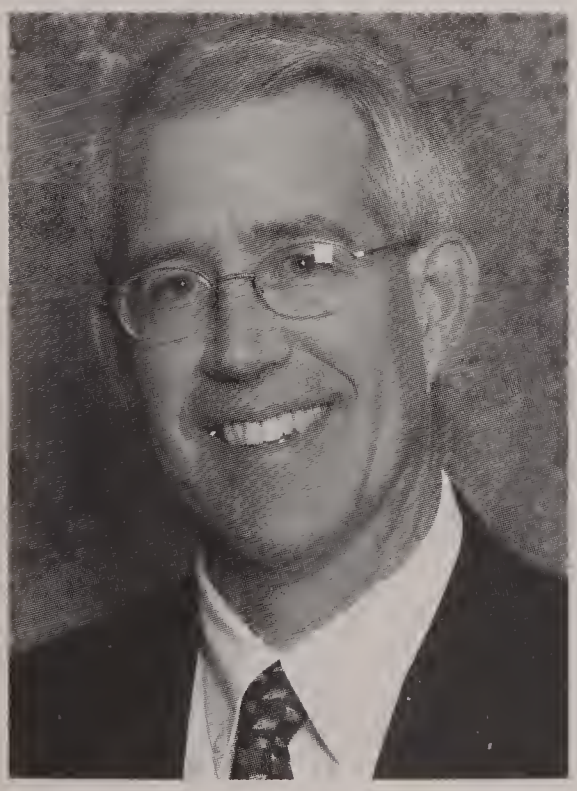
*Dave McAlpin*

**Dave McAlpin** - Missoula, District 94, Democrat. Born May 18, 1965 in Polson; Polson High School and University of Montana graduate; Executive Director, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Missoula (CASA), small business owner; former director, Protect Montana Kids.org anti-tobacco/health care coalition. Former Montana Supreme Court deputy clerk; former Congressional staff for Sen. Max Baucus and Rep. Pat Williams; Founding member of Progressive States Network; Flemming Leadership Institute class of 2006; served in House since 2005; spouse's is Beth O'Halloran, he is the father of two children, Greta and Ian.

**William L. McChesney** – Miles City, District 40, Democrat. Born Oct. 3, 1948 in Missoula, Missoula Sentinel graduate, BA from University of Montana, Purdue University National Leadership Institute; retired from Montana Dept. of Transportation, works part time as a paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary in Miles City; current or past board member: Miles City Youth Soccer, Miles City Little Guy Football, Miles City Youth Basketball, Miles City Economic Development Council, youth coach and referee; served in House 2007; wife's name is Louise, he is a parent to two children, Sean and Ryan, and his late daughter Heather.



*William L. McChesney*



*Tom McGillvray, majority whip*

**Tom McGillvray** - Billings, District 50, Republican. Born May 22, 1957 in Helena, fifth generation Montanan; Powell County High graduate; B.S. agriculture, Montana State University; Certified Financial Planner (CFP); financial adviser; member, Faith Chapel in Billings; Midland Empire Pachyderm member; Yellowstone County Family Drug Treatment Court board; Montana Rail Service Competition Council member; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Margaret; children are Erin, Bryan and Connor, they have one grandchild.

**Walter McNutt** - Sidney, District 37, Republican. Born November 8, 1940 in Worland, Wyoming, and came to Montana in 1957; Great Falls High graduate, B.S. Marketing & Economics, University of Great Falls; ag implement dealer; Richland Development Corp past president; Richland Airport Authority board; Richland Solid Waste District board; Montana Essential Air Service Task Force; First Bank of Sidney Director; Chamber of Commerce; Montana Air National Guard; served in Senate 1997 to 2004, president pro tempore, 2001-04; in House since 2005; wife's name is Karen, they have two daughters.



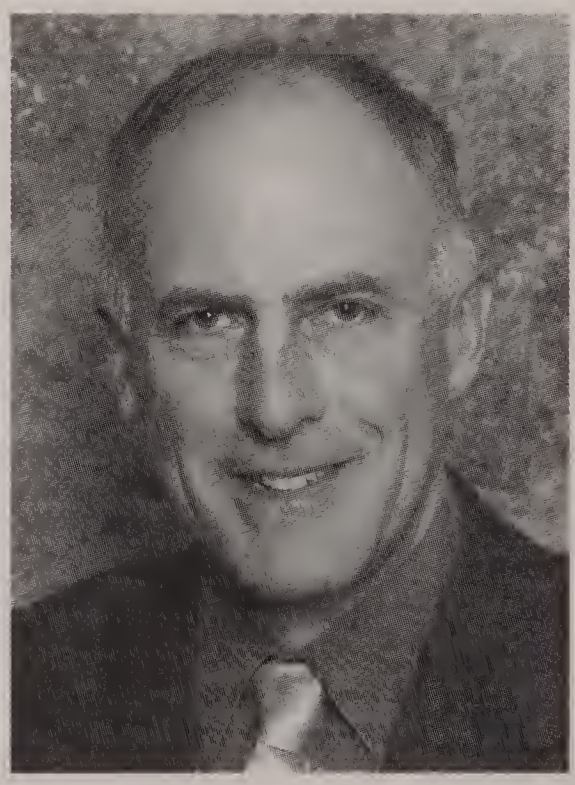
*Walt McNutt*



*Scott Mendenhall*

**Scott Mendenhall** - Clancy, District 77, Republican. Born Nov. 9, 1962 in Riverton, Wyoming, and came to Montana in 1989; B.S. and M.S in Ag Economics, University of Wyoming; manager for Marks Lumber, business owner, rancher; active in local church; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Audrey; they have four children: Melissa, Blake, Simonie and Chloe.

**Mike Milburn** -Cascade, District 19, Republican. Born Sept. 28, 1952 in Belleville, Illinois and came to Montana in 1953; Fergus High graduate; B.S. earth science (geology), Montana State University; farmer/rancher, Mercy Flight air ambulance pilot and retired military pilot; former Cascade School Board of Trustees; United States Air Force and Montana Air National Guard; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Carleen, they have three children, Amy Kendra and Will, and one grandchild.



*Mike Milburn*



*Penny Morgan*

**Penny Morgan -** Billings, District 57, Republican. Born May 11, 1960 in Big Timber; Sweet Grass County High School graduate; training in business management, employee relations, people management, advertising and promotion; business owner; nursing home volunteer; Soroptimists, school volunteer, Billings Chamber of Commerce; served in House since 2003; she has three daughters, Kaycee, Sarah and Katie.

**John Musgrove** - Havre, District 34, Democrat. Born July 23, 1941 in White Sulphur Springs; White Sulphur Springs High School graduate; bachelors, Western Montana College; graduate work, Northern Montana College, University of Hawaii, University of Oregon and Banff School of Fine Arts; retired teacher; White Sulphur Springs City Councilman, 1968-70; U.S. Navy veteran; served in House since 2001; he and his wife, Suzanne, have a daughter, Kelley.



*John Musgrove*



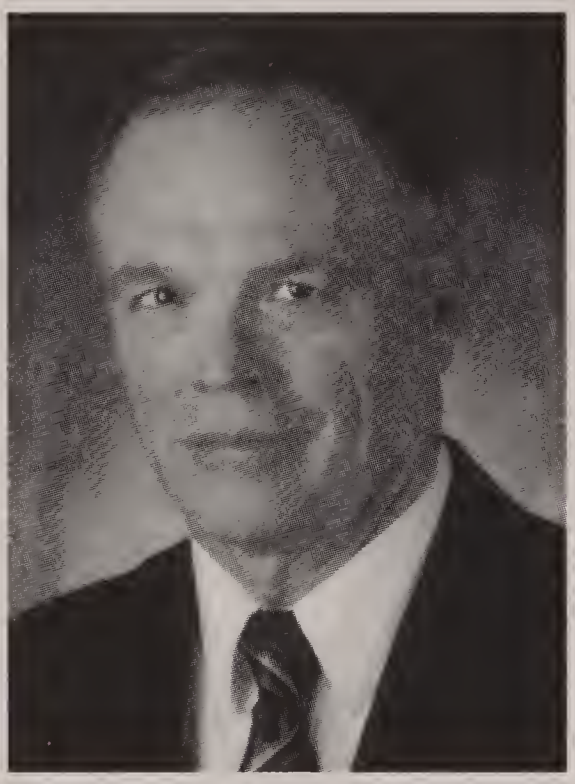
*Art Noonan, Minority Whip*

**Art Noonan** - Butte, District 73, Democrat. Born Nov. 24, 1951 in Butte; Butte Central graduate; self-employed; director of AWARE Foundation; member, Supreme Court Commission on Practices; chairman, Silver Bow Planning Board; Montana Water Rights Compact Commission; assistant chief clerk of the Montana House of Representatives 1977; staff of Congressman Pat Williams on the U.S. House Interior Committee; served in House since 2005, Minority whip 2006-07.

**Bill Nooney** – Missoula, District 100, Republican. Born June 20, 1953 in Missoula; Missoula Sentinel graduate, masters in business administration from University of Montana; small business owner; has served in various capacities including Community Hospital Childcare Board, Civil Air Patrol, Young Eagles youth program taking youth flying to promote interest in aviation, North Rockies Wildfire Contractors Assn., Experimental Aircraft Association and as a youth activities leader; served in House 2007; wife's name is Anna Nooney, between them they have five daughters: Alex, Braidon, Brooke, Drew and Karisa.



*Bill Nooney*



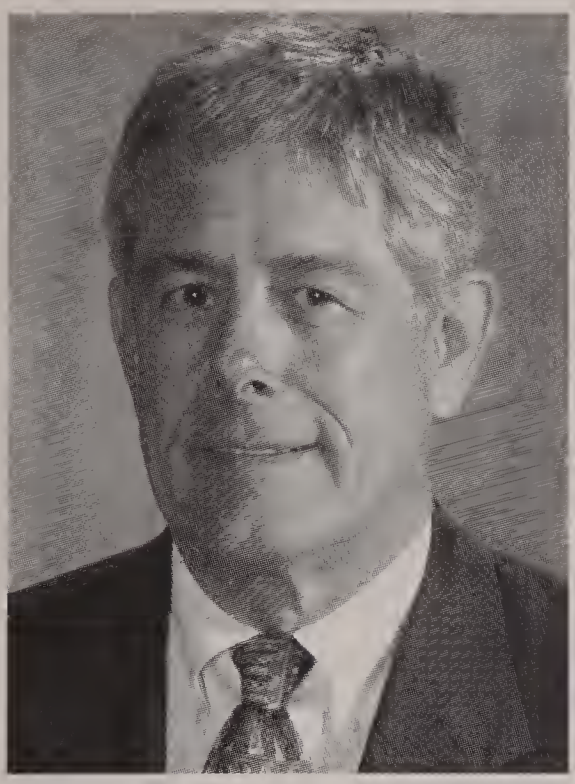
*Jesse O'Hara*

**Jesse A. O'Hara** – Great Falls, District 18, Republican. Born Nov. 15, 1943 in Larimore, ND, moved to Montana in 1957; Shelby High graduate, bachelor's degree University of Montana, masters guidance & counseling MSU-Billings; retired CM Russell guidance counselor, coach, drivers ed instructor; Montana State Fair Advisory board, Meadowlark Neighborhood Council, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, Crime Stoppers board, DUI Task Force, Juvenile Drug Court advisory board, Montana Air National Guard & Army Reserve; served in Senate 1979-82, in House 1985-86 and 2007; wife's name is Julie, he has two stepchildren and a step-grandson.

**Alan Olson** - Roundup, District 45, Republican. Born June 24, 1956 in Havre; Havre High graduate; attended Halliburton Energy Institute; oil and gas regulatory; Roundup School board trustee, 1990-2000; Montana School Boards Assn. past president; Montana High School Assn. Board of Control; Montana Unified School Trust board of trustees; Snowy Mountain Economic Development Corporation Board; served in House since 2001; wife's name is Jean, children are Matthew, Erika and Kristen.



*Alan Olson*



*Ken Peterson*

**Ken Peterson** – Billings, District 46, Republican. Born Nov. 19, 1935 in Babb; Conrad High School graduate, B.S. in economics from Brigham Young University, J.D. from University of Montana; attorney; Montana Probation and Parole Board, Billings Board of Adjustment chair, Billing City Attorney 1977-83, Billings Downtown Rotary member, YMCA Youth Board member; United State Navy veteran; served in House 2001-02 and in 2007; wife's name is Cherye Peterson, he has five daughters, a son and twelve grandchildren.

**Mike Phillips** – Bozeman, District 66, Democrat. Born March 24, 1958 in Charleston, Illinois, moved Montana in 1997; B.S. in ecology from University of Illinois, M.S. in wildlife ecology from University of Alaska; biologist; coach youth sports teams, Gallatin County Open Lands board, member and board of directors of conservation organizations, member of several scientific organizations, founding member of Bozeman Schools Foundation, chairman of Great Schools, Great Community Committee; served in House 2007; wife's name is Linda, he has three children—Grace, Drake and Samuel.



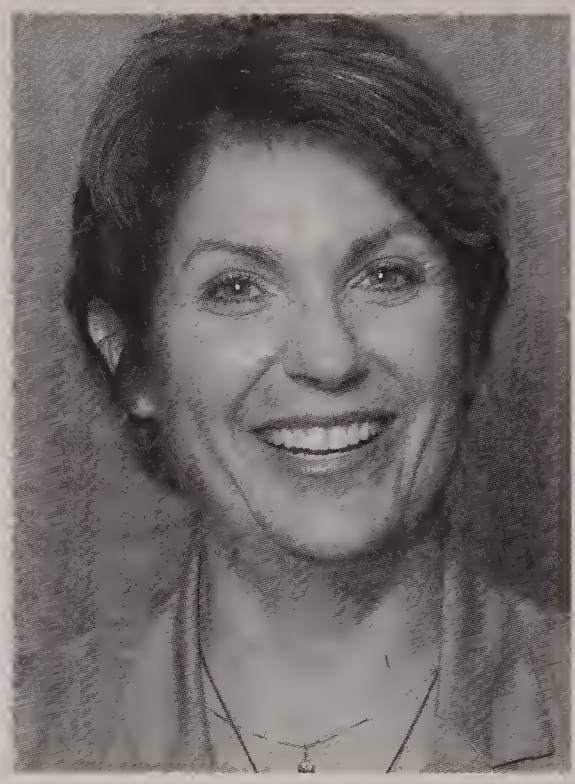
*Mike Phillips*



*Jennifer "JP" Pomnichoski*

**JP Pomnichowski** – Bozeman, District 63, Democrat. Born Jan. 26, 1967 in Great Falls, CM Russell graduate, B.S., Montana State University; technical writer-graphic designer; Bozeman Planning Board president, Bozeman Zoning Commission chair, Bozeman/Gallatin County Transportation Coordinating Committee, Gallatin County Transfer of Development Rights Board; Southeast Neighborhood Association president and founding member, Bridger Canyon Volunteer Fire Department firefighter/EMT, Bozeman Inter-Neighborhood Council, MSU Bobcat football statistics crew, League of Women Voters, Bozeman Business and Professional Women, AAUW; served in House 2007, single.

**Holly Raser** - Missoula, District 98, Democrat. Born May 25, 1952 in Long Beach, Calif., and came to Montana in 1975; Mira Costa High, Calif., graduate; B.A, M.A. in education, University of Montana; elementary teacher; Montana Special Education Advisory Panel member; Missoula Developmental Services Corporation board; State Action for Educational Leadership Project legislative rep; Target Range Teachers Assn. past president; MEA-MFT member; served in House since 2001; daughters are Caitlin and Alyssa.



*Holly Raser*



*Michele Reinhart*

**Michele Reinhart** – Missoula, District 97, Democrat. Born March 19, 1980 in Tacoma, and moved to Montana in 1985; Livingston Park High School graduate, bachelors environmental studies Carroll College, masters environmental studies University of Montana; Missoula City-County Office of Planning and Grants assistant planner; community organizer and citizen advocate at three legislative sessions on conservation and family agriculture issues, member of Forward Montana, Big Sky Democrats, Missoula Democrats, Montana Conservation Voters, Northern Plains Resource Council; served in House 2007; single.

**Diane Rice** - Harrison, District 71, Republican. Born Dec. 24, 1948 in Denver and came to Montana in 1974; Cherry Creek High School, Colo., graduate; B.A., University of Colorado; rancher-caterer; Madison County Republican Central Committee secretary; Montana Stockgrowers Assn. member; Madison County chair for Burns, Rehberg and Martz-Ohs campaigns; served in House since 2001; husband's name is Barry Rice, children are Dana Rowe, Dustin Rowe, Dan Rice and Sam Rice.



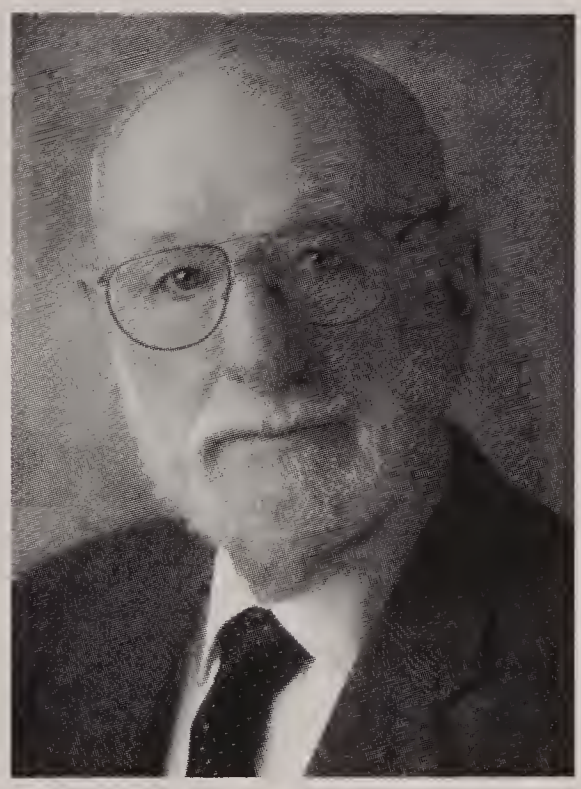
*Diane Rice*



*Rick Ripley*

**Rick Ripley** - Wolf Creek, District 17, Republican. Born Sept. 30, 1951 in Whitefish; Augusta High School graduate; B.S., MSU-Billings; masters, MSU-Northern; administrative endorsement, MSU-Bozeman; rancher, retired educator; North Central administrators past president; Northwestern Energy advisory council; First Bank board of directors; served in the House since 2001; wife's name is April, they have two daughters, Kelsey and Julie.

**Jack Ross** - Absarokee, District 60, Republican. Born Aug. 15, 1935 in Absarokee; Absarokee High graduate; B.A. mathematics from Texas A&M University; retired; Absarokee Community Foundation board of directors; U.S. Air Force, 1954-57; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Pat, they have three daughters: Natalie, Stephanie, Hilary.



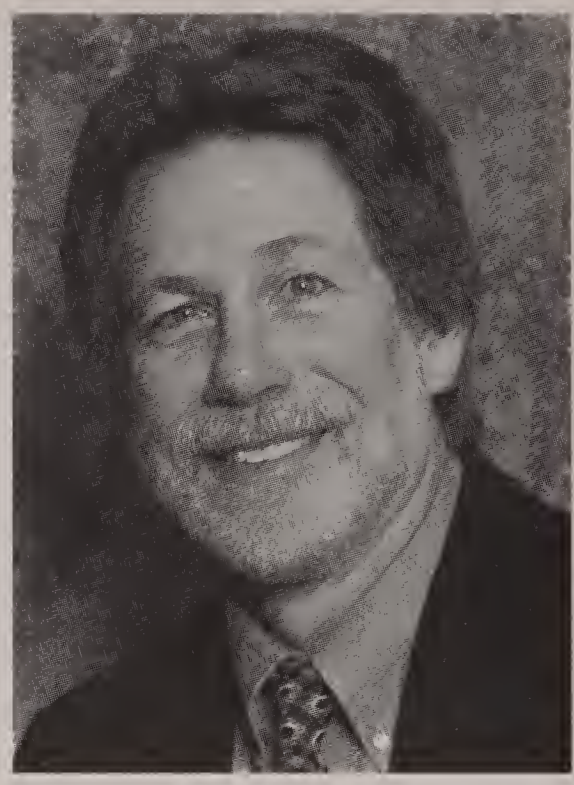
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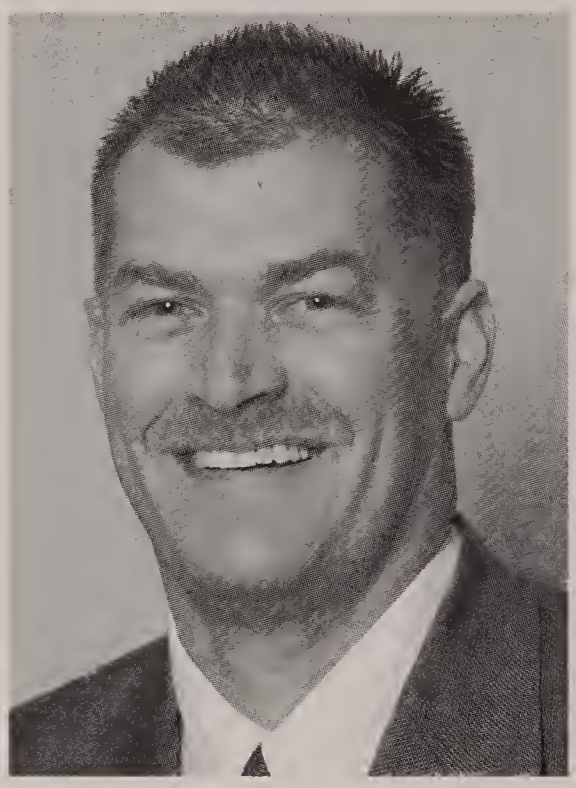
*Diane Sands*

**Diane Sands** - Missoula, District 95, Democrat. Born March 23, 1947 in St. Ignatius; Frazer High School grade; B.A. in anthropology University of Montana, graduate work in women's studies at George Washington University; development director for Missoula County Historical Museum; served in House 1997-98 and in 2007; partner's name is Anne Mary Dussault, a former legislator who was the first female majority leader in the Montana House.

**Jon C. Sesso** - Butte, District 76, Democrat. Born Nov. 15, 1953 in Racine, Wisconsin, and came to Montana in 1978; Wisconsin high school graduate; B.A. communications, M.A. communications and environmental studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Butte Silver Bow City-County Planning Director; Montana Assn. of Planners board; Montana Consensus Council; Montana Geographic Information Council board; Upper Clark Fork River Steering Committee; several local ad-hoc committees for land use and environmental cleanup projects; science fair and speech competition judge; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Barbara Kornet.



*Jon C. Sesso*



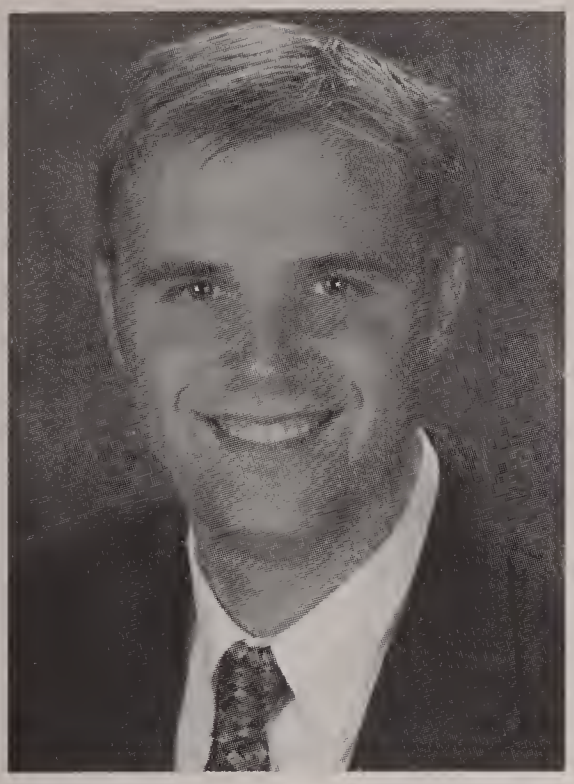
*John Sinrud*

**John Sinrud** - Bozeman, District 67, Republican. Born Aug. 30, 1967 in Edmonds, Washington, and came to Montana in 1969; Hamilton High graduate; B.S. in political science, Montana State University; president of JJKG & Associates architectural design firm; Belgrade City board of adjustments, five years; Heritage Christian School board member five years; former College Republicans president; served in House since 2002; wife's name is Kimberly, they have two children, Joshua and Grace.

**Veronica Small-Eastman** - Lodge Grass, District 42, Democrat. Born Nov. 6, 1955 at Crow Agency; Lodge Grass High graduate; bachelors in business education and masters in school administration, Montana State University; high school business teacher and school-to-work coordinator; Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church former parish council president; Lodge Grass School-Community Committee; served in House since 2003; husband's name is Sid Eastman, they have four children, Cecile, Dennis, George and Sydney Jean.



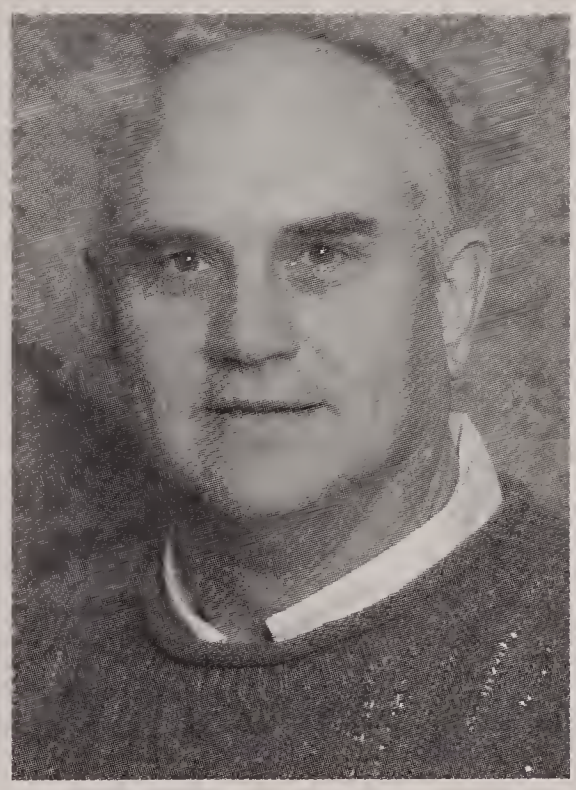
*Veronica Small-Eastman*



*Jon Sonju*

**Jon Sonju**- Kalispell, District 7, Republican. Born Dec. 26, 1975 in Kalispell; Flathead High School graduate, B.S. in sociology and minor in political science from MSU Billings; Sales Director-Sonju Industries; Boys and Girls Club board member, Kalispell Noon Rotary, Leadership Flathead alumni, Member of Kalispell Christian Center; served in the House since 2005; wife's name is Tania, they have a son Jacob who is one year old.

**Wayne Stahl** - Saco, District 35, Republican. Born Nov. 22, 1952 in Glasgow; Saco High graduate; attended USMA and Montana State University; contractor; Saco Town Council; Saco Mayor; Phillips County Commissioner; USMA West Point; served in House since 2005; he has two children, Joshua Stahl and Jennifer Jo Kovarik, and two grandchildren, Dyllan and Cheyenne.



*Wayne Stahl*



*Ron Stoker*

**Ron Stoker** - Darby, District 87, Republican. Born March 29, 1936 in Colorado, came to Montana in 1994; Charles E. Gorton, Yonkers, New York, graduate; B.S., M.S., College of Agriculture, Rutgers University; real estate broker and retired veterinary pharmaceutical sales rep; Hamilton Rural Fire District trustee; Ravalli County Republican Central Committee finance chair; Navy Reserve; served in House since 2003; wife's name is Jean, they have three children: Randall, Pamela and Mark.

**Janna Taylor** - Polson, District 11, Republican. Born Sept. 9, 1948 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and moved to Montana in 1983; Washburn High graduate; B.S. in education, University of Minnesota; agri-business; Polson Soroptimists, hospital volunteer, VFW Auxiliary, Lake County Republican Women; served in House since 2005; husband's name is Mike, they have two children, Christopher and Zachary, and two grandchildren.



*Janna Taylor*



*Bill Thomas*

**Bill Thomas** - Great Falls, District 26, Democrat. Born Jan. 17, 1942 in Great Falls, B.S. in education from MSU-Northern; retired teacher; U.S. Army veteran; served in House 1975-76, in Senate 1977-84 and in House 2007; wife's name is Patsie, children are Bill Jr, Mary Pat, Marty, Brad, Stephanie and Patti; they have nine grandchildren.

**Kendall Van Dyk** - Billings, District 49, Democrat. Born March 21, 1980 in Three Forks; Manhattan High School graduate, B.S. in political science from Montana State University; NPRC community organizer; Montana Wildlife Federation, Trout Unlimited and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation member, Montana Conservation Voters member and volunteer, Big Sky Democrats and Young Democrats of Montana founding member and past regional director; served in House 2007; his family includes his parents John and Jenness Van Dyk and his sister Krista.



*Kendall Van Dyk*



*Dan Villa*

**Dan Villa** - Anaconda, District 86, Democrat. Born Feb. 14, 1983 in Anaconda; Anaconda High graduate; Montana Tech student in business administration; Anaconda Public Schools Board of Trustees; Advisory Council to Board of Public Education; Montana School Board Assn. Board of Directors; Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Planning Board chair; Anaconda Local Development Corporation Board of Directors; served in House since 2005; single.

**Chas V. Vincent** - Libby, District 2, Republican. Born July 24, 1977 in Kalispell; Libby High School graduate, B.A. in political science and communications from the University of Montana; fourth generation logger, director of programming for a cultural exchange program; issues management consultant for a private consulting firm, University of Montana Young Republicans member, Montana Logging Association member, Communities for a Greater Northwest member; served in House 2007.



*Chas Vincent*



*John Ward*

**John Ward** - Helena, District 84, Republican. Born June 4, 1945 in Helena; Helena Cathedral High graduate; B.B.A. in marketing, Gonzaga University; owner, Litt'l John's Septic Service; elected to Lewis and Clark County Local Government Study Commission, 1994; candidate in county commission race; U.S. Navy, Navy Reserve, 24 years; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Kathy; they have four children: Erin, Sean, Ken and Molly, and five grandchildren.

**Jack Wells** - Bozeman, District 69, Republican. Born Sept. 13, 1937 in Neihart; Great Falls High graduate; A.B. and MSEE, Dartmouth; retired; served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force; served in House 1995-98, in Senate 1999-2002 and in House since 2005; wife's name is Mary Gay, they have eight children and twenty grandchildren.



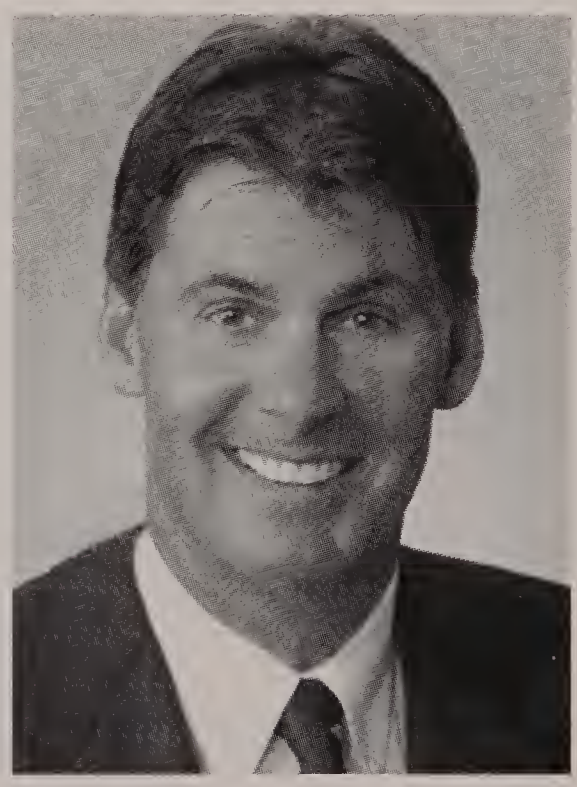
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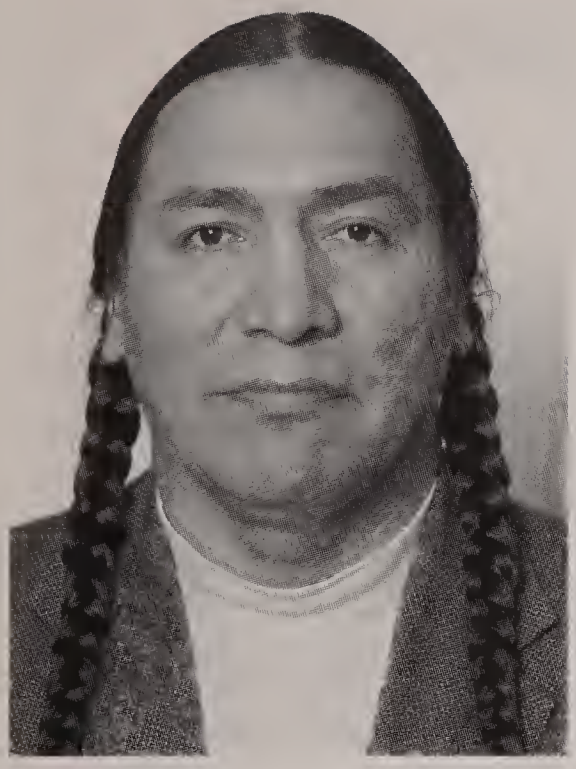
*Franke Wilmer*

**Franke Wilmer** — Bozeman, District 64, Democrat. Born Dec. 2, 1950, in Washington D.C., moved to Montana in 1991; Charles Town, West Virginia, High School graduate, B.S. from Shepherd University in West Virginia, M.A. and Ph.D. from University of Maryland; MSU political science professor; Montana Human Rights Commission chair 2005-06; Montana Committee for the Humanities member 1997-2001, Gallatin Human Rights Task Force member and founder; served in House 2007; husband's name is Ronald Tobias, she has a daughter Kristin Bowman and four grandchildren.

**Bill Wilson** - Great Falls, District 22, Democrat. Born March 28, 1961 in Great Falls; C.M. Russell graduate; attended University of Montana, University of Great Falls and Park University; BNSF Locomotive Engineer; United Transportation Union past president; Cascade County Humane Society board member; Gateway Community Services board member; served in Senate 1993-2000, in House since 2003, single.



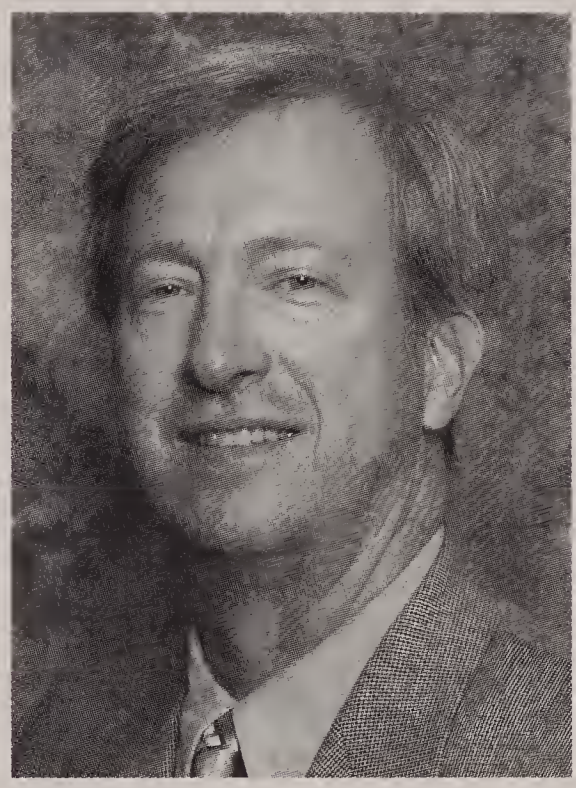
*Bill Wilson*



*Jonathan Windy Boy*

**Jonathan Windy Boy** - Rocky Boy, District 32, Democrat. Born Aug. 28, 1958 in Fort Belknap; Box Elder High graduate; degree in telecommunications from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; Chippewa-Cree Tribal Councilman, serving second four-year term; served in House since 2003; he has a companion Sarah, a daughter Jennifer, a son Philip and two granddaughters.

**Brady Wiseman** - Bozeman, District 65, Democrat. Born April 23, 1957 in Amarillo, Texas, and lived all over the West before arriving in Montana in 1971; attended Great Falls schools, graduated from Stuttgart American High School in Germany; attended Montana State, B.A. and B.S. from University of Montana; software engineer with a patent pending; hobbies are skiing and jazz on his valve trombone; co-founder of a Bozeman software company, has invented products and sold them on three continents; co-founder of Montanans Against Toxic Burning; served in House since 2005; wife's name is Cynthia Andrus; his father Bill served in the House 1993-1998 from Great Falls.



*Brady Wiseman*



*Craig Witte*

**Craig Witte** – Kalispell, District 8, Republican. Born August 1, 1960 in Chadron, Nebraska, and moved to Montana in 1995; Chadron State College graduate with a business major and economics, pre-law minors; business owner and licensed Realtor; Evergreen Rotary past president, Elks, Friends of NRA Committee, youth wrestling and football coach; served in House 2007; wife's name is Susan, children are Andy, Ally and Augustus.

# Lawmakers of Montana

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The first edition had a light green cover which noted it was "Compliments of Sen. J. Hugo Aronson." History buffs know that Aronson, a Republican oil producer from Cut Bank, was elected Montana governor the following year. The first book was compiled by E.N. Joffray who was an assistant sergeant-at-arms. It is unclear whether he served in the Senate or the House of Representatives. In addition to Gov. John Bonner, Lt. Gov. Paul Cannon and the legislators, photos of the secretary of the senate, chief clerk of the house and sergeant-at-arms in both bodies appeared in the first book. This, however, was the only year staff photos were printed.

Subsequent "Lawmakers of Montana" in the 1950's had light colored covers until 1959 when the cover was metallic gold, similar to the copper cover today. Those editions were "Compliments of The Independent Record." The only session since 1951 for which "Lawmakers of Montana" was not published was 1961. This was roughly the time the Anaconda Copper Company sold its Montana newspapers, including Helena's Independent Record, to Lee Enterprises. Former Montana Gov. Tim Babcock and Jerome Anderson, a long-time lobbyist who served in the House, have confirmed that this is why no book was published for that session.

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